**Disciples Path**

**The Truth**

**The Doctrine of God**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

What do we believe as Disciples – Doctrine of God

What would you think – boy comes to you – I found the one I am going to marry

What is her name – don’t know

Where is she from – Don’t know

“Well, what does she look like?”

“I don't know.”

“What color are her eyes?”

“I don't know.”

“How about her hair?”

“I don't know.”

“Where's she go to church?”

“I don't know.”

“What's she like?”

“I don't know.”

Crazy – how much we don’t know about God – I don’t get into theology – study of God –

You are a theologian – good or bad

Trinity – 3 in One – Eternally one in essence – 3 in persons – can’t explain it but I believe it – see it at baptism –

They created and they redeemed – all apart of your salvation

See that in the passage – Greek it is one sentence

Glories of Salvation

God the Father selects

Do you believe in election? Yes Because I believe the Bible and it teaches election

You mean you believe that God chooses people to be saved before they're ever born? The Bible teaches that.

You believe that before the world even began Jesus wrote...Jesus and the Father and the Spirit wrote down in the Book of Life – yes

Revelation 13:8 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.

What about free will – yes I believe in Free Will but our will is bound by sin

 You believe that man has a choice? Yes.

You believe that anybody who wants to can come to Christ? Yes

But those are opposites? Absolutely. You believe in opposites? Of course. I believe the Bible teaches absolute sovereignty of God and election and I believe Whosoever Will let Him come

 They are opposites That's right. And the only way they can ever be resolved is in the mind of God. And, you see, God has some things He can do that I can't do and that's fine.

. I don't need to resolve it I trust that God can – It is His problem not mine – I just know that the choice of the lesser is always subservient to the choice of the greater – He has it I trust Him that settles it

Because He has chosen Me and I have chosen Him – my destination is sure – predestined to be

Holy and Blameless – I am a saint

Adopted – I am a Son

All about Him – His glory and his

God the Son saves

In Him we have the redemption through His blood – The Father – created the plan – the son carried out the plan –

Grace – lavished upon us – how undeserving we are – Christ died

God the Spirit Seals – the Father Created the Plan, the Son Carried out the the Plan the Spirit Communicates the Plan

Sealed – sign of ownership – we belong to Him – bought with a price

Guarantee – Spirit in you is God’s earnest payment – of things to come

What is our part in redemption – we repent and believe

We are sent to carry the message

**3**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4**even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5**he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6**to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. **7**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8**which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight **9**making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ**10**as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**11**In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12**so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **13**In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, **14**who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.