Sunday Morning February 15, 2015

ETERNITY IN MY HEART THE POWER OF SALVATION

JOHN 3:16

<u>For God</u> so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

I. WHO GOD IS

A. God is Life - His very name "I AM" indicates that He is a living God and presupposes His existence (Exodus 3:14).

CONSIDER: Every other creature depends on something outside itself in order to survive. God needs nothing, but is the One who gives life to all (*Acts 17:25*).

B. God is infinite - There is no place where God cannot be found (Acts 17:24).

CONSIDER: God has infinite knowledge and knows every genuine possibility of every situation that could ever occur (*Hebrews 4:13*).

C. God is morally pure - God is absolutely free from anything wicked or impure (*Leviticus* 11:45).

CONSIDER: His holiness requires that anyone desiring a relationship with Him to be holy.

- D. God is righteous He commands only what is right, and His commands will never deviate from His character or Word (*Jeremiah 9:24*).
- E. God is constant God does not increase in love, in knowledge, in age, nor does He change His mind (Malachi 3:6).

II. WHAT GOD DID

- A. God knew about and loved you (Ephesians 1:4).
- B. God sacrificed His Son (John 3:17).

CONSIDER: People are saved when the Holy Spirit reveals the Word, Jesus, to them, drawing them to the Father.

III. WHY GOD DID IT

- A. God made a way for us to have a relationship with Him (Ephesians 2:18).
- B. God provided a Redeemer so that we could be free (Matthew 20:28).

CONSIDER: Not only does Jesus provide freedom from the penalty of sin but from its baggage as well (*Romans 8:1*).

C. God provided a Deliverer to empower us to live the way we should (Philippians 2:13).