

## Lecture 7 – Ephesians 1:3-14: Chosen Before the Foundation of the World

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:3-14*

### Key Terms

God’s love & God’s will, Christ-likeness, glorification, Trinitarian

### Lecture Objectives

- To Locate & explain the Trinitarian nature of predestination
- To prescribe the motive and goal of predestination
- To locate our own salvation in the context of God’s people and God’s cosmic plan of redemption

### Preview

We have looked at the concept of election according to the foreknowledge of God. We will continue our study by focusing today on the glorious theme of predestination. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election (*See Appendix D for chart*)

A. Three primary passages dealing with election

1. Romans 8:28-30

a. Overview

b. Foreknowledge

1) Background

\*2) Excursus on foreknowledge (*see Appendix A, point 7A*)

3) Other passages regarding knowledge/foreknowledge

a) Matthew 7:23

b) John 10:27

c) Galatians 4:9

c. Predestination

1) Basis of predestination

a) God’s love

b) God’s will

- 2) Goal of predestination
    - a) Conformity to Christ
    - b) Glorification
  - 3) The means of reaching this goal
    - 📖 *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* by John Murray
  - 4) Why evangelize?
    - a) Ignorance
    - b) God uses means
    - c) Confidence
2. Ephesians 1:3-14
- a. Structure
    - 1) Recurring refrain
      - a) Verses 3-6. The Father's election
      - b) Verses 6-12. The Son's redemption
      - c) Verses 13-14. The Spirit's sealing