

## Lecture 8 – Ephesians 1:3-14: Chosen Before the Foundation of the World (cont.)

*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, “in Christ,” holiness, blamelessness

### Lecture Objectives

- To locate and explain the basis, the means, and the goal of election
- To place our own salvation within a Trinitarian context and in the context of redemptive-history

### Preview

In our last lecture, we studied the goal and basis of predestination in light of the concept of the order of salvation. We continue our study of predestination as seen in Ephesians 1:3-14. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

A. Three primary passages dealing with election.

1. Romans 8:28-30

2. Ephesians 1:3-14

a. Structure

\*b. The purpose of the passage

c. Timing

d. Election unto salvation

1) Different from Old Testament election of corporate Israel

a) Chosen individually, verse 4

b) Adoption, verse 5

c) Redeemed individually, verse 7

d) Sealed individually, verse 13

2) Basis of election

a) God’s love

b) God’s will

- 3) Election was “in Christ.” In Christ, God has
  - a) Blessed us
  - b) Chosen us
  - c) Adopted us
  - d) Given us grace
  - e) Redeemed and forgiven us
  - f) Included us
  - g) Sealed us with the Holy Spirit
- 4) Goal of election
  - a) Holiness
  - b) Blamelessness