

YOU ARE PREDISTINED – BUT – It's YOUR Choice

Ephesians 1 King James Version (KJV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

- Thy Will Be Done- this prayer encompasses what God role for you is in life
- What he is now about to say is directed to those who have surrendered their will to the to God – Jesus not my will but thine – You can still do your own will saved and not Gods

² Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

- This intro keeps us mindful that no matter how good we try to be to earn Gods favor its not based on what we have done but what he did for us.
- We believe and thus because he paid the price and knows the way he then said he would send the holy spirit to guide us in the way and we were to yield to the spirits guidance.
- Two persons of the God head greet you God the Father and God the son,' Where is the Holy Spirit ? On the earth filling those who pursue Christ and the call of God in their lives.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- The full intent of God is to have blessed you with all things which he has already done and each blessing released as we pursue God.
- This is why the mindset of the sheep is to follow to get the care and reward of the shepherd. ‘Paul will say- Follow me as I follow Christ’
- God at no takes our ability away from us to choose- Jesus on the last night of his life had to choose to go to the cross he could have said no and he still would have been Jesus.

⁴ According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

- The blessings have already been assigned to manifest on the path he choose. Even in disobedience you have goodness and mercy following you but that’s not Gods best of “exceedingly and abundantly above all that we would ask or think”

⁵ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

- Predestined- [\[4309\]](#) (*proorízō*) occurs six times in the NT (eight in the writings of Paul). Since the root ([3724](#) /*horízō*) already means "establish

boundaries," the added prefix (*pro*, "before") makes [4309](#) (*proorízō*) "to *pre*-establish boundaries," i.e. *before* creation.] 1... He will not put anything on you, you cannot bare. 1st Corinthians 10:13 It was Gods will to save you! It was the goodness of God that leads you to repentance"
Romans 2:4

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

- The greatest fear of this generation and times is rejection- You have all ready been accepted- trouble is getting you to see and know that! Before The Foundation Of The World.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

- Redemption is not an ongoing process. He brought us end of story! Because he brought us and sin cannot dwell with him the covenant says- If you confess your sin he is faithful and just to forgive you your sin that you are blameless because pf the cross. 1 John 1:9

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

- James 1:5 Common English Bible (CEB)
But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score. Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask.

⁹ Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- The lord chose to reveal to us his kingdom that many will reject and never come to an understanding. ¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Mathew 7:13-14

¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: ¹¹ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Your call, your predestined purpose is not apart of the corporate call of God on the body of Christ-“We are all woven together in the great web of humanity, and whatever we can do to benefit and uplift others will reflect in blessing upon ourselves.” Ellen G White

- “In a real sense all life is inter-related. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be... This is the inter-related structure of reality.” Martin L. King

¹² That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.¹³ In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

- Notice the progression – you heard the word and said I need to hear more
- You kept listening and believed and began to follow.
- The God sealed you with the Holy Spirit!