

Morning Session

Text: Ephesians 1

Title: "Predestined us to Adoption as sons" Ephesians 1:5

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⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

A. MAN PLANS, GOD PREDESTINES

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Ephesians 1:3-6

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| 1. Blessed with every spiritual blessing | Ephesians 1:3 |
| 2. Chosen before the foundation of the world ... in love | Ephesians 1:4 |
| 3. Predestined us to adoption as sons | Ephesians 1:5 |
| 4. Made us accepted in the Beloved (the Lord Jesus) | Ephesians 1:6 |

B. PREDESTINED PURPOSE OF GOD REVEALED

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Ephesians 1:7-10

1. Great Blessings found in Him (the Lord Jesus Christ)

- a) Redemption through His blood
- b) The forgiveness of sins
- c) The riches of His grace

2. Appreciation of God's Predestined Purpose

- a) God's blessings abound
- b) They are given wisely and prudently
- c) His blessings are never given randomly

3. The Mystery of God's Will revealed

- a) God reveals His will
- b) He does this according to His good pleasure
- c) His Will is purposed by Himself

4. In the fullness of Time

- a) He will gather all things in Him (the Lord Jesus)
- b) The scope
 - i) Involves Heaven
 - ii) Involves Earth

C. APPRECIATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION

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Ephesians 1:11-14

1. Predestination has many features

2. Some features to appreciate:

- a) According to His will
- b) According to His purpose

c) According to divine Counsel

D. PREDESTINED INHERITANCE

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Ephesians 1:11-14

1. We have obtained an Inheritance

2. This is the result of our Trust in the Lord

a) Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ

b) Having heard the word of truth

c) Having heard the Gospel

d) Believing in the Lord Jesus

3. This is an Assured Inheritance

a) We have the Holy Spirit as our Seal

b) He is our Guarantee

E. APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. "Blessed be God the Father" Ephesians 1:3

2. "To the praise of His glory" Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14

3. "To be holy and without blame" Ephesians 1:4