

Paul, an apostle of **Christ Jesus** by the **will of God**,
To the **saints** who are in Ephesus,
and
are **faithful in Christ Jesus**:

Grace to you and **peace from God** our **Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

Blessed be the **God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**,
who has **blessed us in Christ** with every **spiritual blessing in the heavenly places**, even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**,
that we should be **holy and blameless** before him.
In love he **predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ**,
according to the **purpose of his will**,
to the **praise of his glorious grace**,
with which he has **blessed us in the Beloved**.
In him we have **redemption through his blood**,
the **forgiveness of our trespasses**,
according to the **riches of his grace**, which he **lavished upon us**,
in all wisdom and insight
making known to us the **mystery of his will**,
according to his purpose,
which he **set forth in Christ** as a **plan for the fullness of time**,
to **unite all things in him**, things in **heaven** and things on **earth**.

In him we have obtained an **inheritance**, having been **predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will**,
so that **we who were the first to hope in Christ** might be
to the **praise of his glory**.
In him you also, when you heard
the **word of truth**, the **gospel of your salvation**,
and **believed in him**,
were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,
who is the **guarantee of our inheritance**
until we **acquire possession of it**, to the **praise of his glory**.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God...

Isaiah 46:9b-10 ...I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, **declaring the end from the beginning** and from ancient times **things not yet done**, saying, '**My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,**'

Genesis 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die.**"

Romans 5:12 Therefore, **just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin**, and so **death spread to all men** because **all sinned...**

Ephesians 2:1-3 And **you were dead** in the **trespasses** and **sins** in which you once walked, **following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the **sons of disobedience**—among whom **we all once lived** in the **passions of our flesh**, carrying out the **desires of the body** and the **mind**, and were by **nature children of wrath**, like the **rest of mankind**.

Romans 3:10-12 as it is written: "**None is righteous, no, not one**; no one understands; **no one seeks for God. All have turned aside**; together they have become worthless; **no one does good, not even one.**"

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned** and **fall short of the glory of God**,

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the **free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

John 3:19-20 And this is the **judgment: the light has come into the world**, and **people loved the darkness** rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things **hates the light** and **does not come to the light**, **lest his works should be exposed**.

John 11:17,43,44a Now when Jesus came, he found that **Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days**....When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out.**"...The **man** who had **died** came out

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** **he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

The Order of Salvation

Election is an act of God before creation in which he chooses some people to be saved, not on account of any foreseen merit in them, but only because of his sovereign good pleasure.

John 6:37, 44 **All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out...No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.** And I will raise him up on the last day.

John 15:16 **You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you** that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for **those who are called** according to his purpose. For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And **those whom he predestined** he also **called**, and those whom **he called he also justified**, and those whom he **justified he also glorified**.

Romans 9:10-16 And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were **not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad**—in order that **God's purpose of election** might continue, **not because of works but because of him who calls**—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” What shall we say then? **Is there injustice on God's part?** By no means! For he says to Moses, **“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”** So then it **depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.**

Romans 11:5-7 So too at the present time there is a **remnant, chosen by grace**. But if it is by **grace, it is no longer on the basis of works**; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? **Israel failed to obtain** what it was seeking. **The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened...**

2Timothy 1:9 who **saved us and called us** to a holy calling, not because of our works but **because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began...**

Revelation 13:8 and **all who dwell on earth** will worship it (beast), **everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**

Revelation 20:15 And if **anyone's name was not found** written in the **book of life**, **he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

The gospel call - proclaiming the message of the gospel

Acts 13:48 And when the **Gentiles heard this**, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and **as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.**

Regeneration - being born again

1Corinthians 2:14 The **natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are **folly to him**, and he is **not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.**

Ephesians 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their **hardness of heart.**

Ezekiel 36:25-27 **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and **you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses**, and from **all your idols I will** cleanse you. And **I will** give you a **new heart**, and a **new spirit I will** put within you. And **I will** remove the **heart of stone** from your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh**. And **I will** put my **Spirit within you**, and **cause you to walk in my statutes** and **be careful to obey my rules.**

Conversion - faith and repentance

Ephesians 2:8,9 For **by grace** you have **been saved through faith**. And this is **not your own doing**; it (*grace*) is the **gift of God**, **not a result of works**, so that **no one may boast.**

Justification - right legal standing

Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous deeds** are like a **polluted garment.**

Titus 3:5-7 **He saved us**, not because of works done by us in *righteousness*, but **according to his own mercy**, by the **washing of regeneration** and **renewal of the Holy Spirit**, whom he **poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior**, so that **being justified by his grace** we might become **heirs** according to the **hope of eternal life.**

Adoption - membership in God's family

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us for **adoption to himself as sons** through **Jesus Christ**, according to the **purpose of his will**.

Sanctification - A progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives.

Philippians 1:6 And **I am sure** of this, that **he who began a good work in you** will **bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ**.

Perseverance - All who are truly "born again" will be kept by God's power and will persevere as Christians.

John 6:39-40 And this is the will of him who sent me, that **I should lose nothing of all that he has given me**, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and **I will raise him up on the last day**."

1John 2:19 **They went out from us**, but they were **not of us**; for **if they had been of us, they would have continued with us**. But they went out, **that it might become plain that they all are not of us**.

Death - going to be with the Lord

Luke 23:43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, **today you will be with me in paradise**."

Glorification - receiving a resurrection body

1Corinthians 15:54-55 When the **perishable puts on the imperishable**, and the **mortal puts on immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **"Death is swallowed up in victory."** **"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"**

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Foreknew - Predestined - Called - Justified - Glorified