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His Good Pleasure

Ephesians 1:1-14

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and 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 with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 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, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will**, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **having made known to us the mystery of His will**, according to **His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself**, 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. 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,** that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 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,** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the **redemption of the purchased possession,** to the praise of His glory.” Ephesians 1:1-14 NKJV

Main Pieces

1. **Holy with blemish** — that is our destination
 1. **Perfect and Complete:** “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” James 1:2-4 NKJV
2. First Paul was called according to His will
 1. It’s all predestined and it was His good pleasure to do so!
 2. To be adopted as sons
 3. And Predestined according to His purpose who works everything out according to his will

4. **I Choose, not you:** “For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?” Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?” Romans 9:15-21 NKJV
5. “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” John 15:16 NKJV
3. Those who trust in Messiah will be the praises of His glory
 1. **OUR GLORY:** “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak

the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." I Corinthians 2:6-8
NKJV

4. Redemption through Blood (forgiveness)
 1. Leviticus and Hebrews:
 2. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'" Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
 3. "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22 NKJV
5. He's made know the mystery of His will (according to His good pleasure which he purposed in Himself)
 1. And what is that? **gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him (Two people groups of the three)**
 2. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every

tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

6. The Gospel of Salvation first, then ALSO the HS who guarantees our inheritance as his “purchased possession”
 1. Redemption vs. Salvation
 2. Author and finisher: “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV
 3. You are not your own: “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV
 4. It is not I who lives: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV

A breakdown—what you can find if you are looking

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

[the] will

θελήματος ([thelēmatos](#))

Noun - Genitive Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 2307: An act of will, will; plur: wishes, desires. From the prolonged form of ethelo; a determination, i.e. choice or inclination.

saints

ἁγίοις ([hagiois](#))

Adjective - Dative Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 40: Set apart by (or for) God, holy, sacred. From hagos; sacred.

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

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every** spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

every

πάση (pasē)

Adjective - Dative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 3956: All, the whole, every kind of. Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole.

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,

He chose

ἐξελέξατο (exelexato)

Verb - Aorist Indicative Middle - 3rd Person Singular

Strong's Greek 1586: To pick out for myself, choose, elect, select. Middle voice from ek and lego; to select.

blameless

ἀμώμους (amōmous)

Adjective - Accusative Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 299: Blameless, without blemish, unblemished, faultless. Unblemished.

in His presence

κατενώπιον (katenōpion)

Preposition

Strong's Greek 2714: Before the face of, over against. From kata and enopion; directly in front of.

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

He predestined

προορίσας (proorisas)

Verb - Aorist Participle Active - Nominative Masculine Singular

Strong's Greek 4309: To foreordain, predetermine, mark out beforehand. From pro and horizo; to limit in advance, i.e. predetermine.

adoption as His sons

υἰοθεσίαν (huiiothesian)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 5206: From a presumed compound of huio and a derivative of tithemi; the placing as a son, i.e. Adoption.

good pleasure

εὐδοκίαν (eudokian)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 2107: From a presumed compound of eu and the base of dokeo; satisfaction, i.e. delight, or kindness, wish, purpose.

will

θελήματος ([thelēmatos](#))

Noun - Genitive Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 2307: An act of will, will; plur: wishes, desires. From the prolonged form of ethelo; a determination, i.e. choice or inclination.

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He [a]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

redemption

ἀπολύτρωσιν ([apolytrōsin](#))

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 629: From a compound of apo and lutron; ransom in full, i.e. riddance, or Christian salvation.

forgiveness

ἄφεσιν ([aphesin](#))

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 859: A sending away, a letting go, a release, pardon, complete forgiveness. From aphiemi; freedom; pardon.

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

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

He has made known

γνωρίσας (gnōrisas)

Verb - Aorist Participle Active - Nominative Masculine
Singular

Strong's Greek 1107: To make known, declare, know,
discover. From a derivative of ginosko; to make known;
subjectively, to know.

mystery

μυστήριον (mystērion)

Noun - Accusative Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 3466: From a derivative of muo; a secret or
'mystery'.

will

θελήματος (thelēmatos)

Noun - Genitive Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 2307: An act of will, will; plur: wishes,
desires. From the prolonged form of ethelo; a
determination, i.e. choice or inclination.

good pleasure,

εὐδοκίαν (eudokian)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 2107: From a presumed compound of eu and the base of dokeo; satisfaction, i.e. delight, or kindness, wish, purpose.

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

a plan

οἰκονομίαν (oikonomian)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 3622: Management of household affairs, stewardship, administration. From oikonomos; administration; specially, a 'economy'

fullness

πληρώματος (plērōmatos)

Noun - Genitive Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 4138: From pleroo; repletion or completion, i.e. what fills, or what is filled.

time,

καιρῶν (kairōn)

Noun - Genitive Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 2540: Fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time. Of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e. Set or proper time.

all things

πάντα (panta)

Adjective - Accusative Neuter Plural

Strong's Greek 3956: All, the whole, every kind of. Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; all, any, every, the whole.

{together} in

ἐν (en)

Preposition

Strong's Greek 1722: In, on, among. A primary preposition denoting position, and instrumentality, i.e. A relation of rest; 'in, ' at, on, by, etc.

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**,

we were also chosen as God's own,

ἐκληρώθημεν (eklērothēmen)

Verb - Aorist Indicative Passive - 1st Person Plural

Strong's Greek 2820: To cast lots, choose by lot, assign by lot, assign a portion, receive a share. From kleros; to allot, i.e. to assign.

having been predestined

προορισθέντες ([prooristhentes](#))

Verb - Aorist Participle Passive - Nominative Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 4309: To foreordain, predetermine, mark out beforehand. From pro and horizo; to limit in advance, i.e. predetermine.

[the] plan (Purpose)

πρόθεσιν ([prothesin](#))

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 4286: From protithemai; a setting forth, i.e. proposal; specially, the show-bread as exposed before God.

will,

θελήματος ([thelēmatos](#))

Noun - Genitive Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 2307: An act of will, will; plur: wishes, desires. From the prolonged form of ethelo; a determination, i.e. choice or inclination.

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

were the first to hope

προηλπικότας (proēlpikotas)

Verb - Perfect Participle Active - Accusative Masculine Plural

Strong's Greek 4276: To hope before, be the first to hope. From pro and elpizo; to hope in advance of other confirmation

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,

gospel

εὐαγγέλιον (euangelion)

Noun - Accusative Neuter Singular

Strong's Greek 2098: From the same as euaggelizo; a good message, i.e. The gospel.

salvation—

σωτηρίας (sōtērias)

Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 4991: Feminine of a derivative of soter as noun; rescue or safety.

were sealed

ἐσφραγίσθητε (esphragisthēte)

Verb - Aorist Indicative Passive - 2nd Person Plural

Strong's Greek 4972: To seal, set a seal upon. From sphragis; to stamp for security or preservation; by implication, to keep secret, to attest.

14 who[d] is the [e]**guarantee** of our **inheritance** until the **redemption** of the purchased **possession**, to the praise of His glory.

pledge (guarantee)

ἀρραβὼν (arrabōn)

Noun - Nominative Masculine Singular

Strong's Greek 728: Of Hebrew origin; a pledge, i.e. Part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.

inheritance

κληρονομίας (klēronomias)

Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 2817: From kleronomos; heirship, i.e. a patrimony or a possession

redemption

ἀπολύτρωσιν (apolytrōsin)

Noun - Accusative Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 629: From a compound of apo and lutron; ransom in full, i.e. riddance, or Christian salvation.

possession,

περιποιήσεως (peripoīēseōs)

Noun - Genitive Feminine Singular

Strong's Greek 4047: Acquiring, obtaining, possessing, possession, ownership. From peripoieomai; acquisition; by extension, preservation.