

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS. Ch.1:1-14

A. SALUTATION OF WRITER. Vs.1-2.

1. His Name--Paul the little one.
2. His office--Apostle--Sent one.
3. His Master--Christ Jesus.
4. His auditors--Saints in Ephesus.
Faithful in Christ Jesus.
5. His salutation--Grace and peace.

B. THE BELIEVERS PLACE**IN CHRIST. 3-8.

1. He is Blessed in Him. 3.
2. He is chosen in Him. 4-5
3. Before the foundation of the world.
To holiness and blamelessness.
To Sonship--in the family of God.
3. He is accepted in Him. 6.
"Highly favored" 1k.1:28.
4. He has redemption in Him Vs.7.
Thru His blood---The Means.
Forgiveness of sins --The fruit.
Riches of Grace--The Measure.

C. GOD'S SOVEREIGN AND ETERNAL PURPOSE. 9-11

1. God's will is sovereign. He does as
He sees best to do. vs.9
2. God's will was a hidden mystery in the
past. 9.
3. God's will is now revealed. vs.9.
4. God's will is now awaiting the fulness
of times. Vs.10.
5. God's will is to head up all things in
Christ. 10. Whether in heaven or in ear
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D. GOD'S PURPOSE EXTENDS TO THE DETAILS OF
OUR LIVES.

1. Our lives planned acc. to His sovereign
purpose. 11.
2. Such lives are to be to the praise of
Christ. 11

E. GOD'S PURPOSE IS WORKED OUT BY HIS SPIRIT. 13-14.

1. He seals the believer for Christ. 13

2. He is the earnest and pledge of the believer "until the day of redemption". 14

EARNEST:- It is handgelt or earnest money, given by master on hiring a servant.....until the final handing over of the inheritance in heaven, of which we even now have a pledge and foretaste in the "earnest".

GRACE pleaseth a believer so well, that he cannot but study to please God in all things ever after: the law of grace constraineth him.

Live virtuously, and you cannot die too soon, or live too long.

Predestination:- Means to determine beforehand. Latin-prae-before. Destine-to make to stand or set fast. Destino--de-intensive, and stano--allied to Greek histano--histemi. To make to stand.

Said William the 3rd, the Xtian king:- Did I not believe in predestination, I could not believe in Divine Providence. It is nonsense to believe that a Being of Infinite knowledge would work without a plan; for which plan, predestination is another name.