

# “He Chose Us”

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Book of Ephesians

**Theme:** God chose us to be in his Son so that we would become part of his forever family. Such actions on his part should humble us and cause us to respond with gratitude and worship.

## Introduction:

The theological structure of this passage is intentional.

- **First**, the timeline moves from eternity past through the present and into the foreseeable future.
- **Second**, this timeline is trinitarian and moves from the Father’s choice, to the Son’s work, and the Spirit’s guarantee.
- **Third**, the Father’s choosing is known through the Son’s redemptive work and the guarantee of the Son making good on the promises are set by the sealing of the Spirit.
- **Finally**, there is notable parallelism throughout. This much is certain.

## Outline:

### I. The Blessings of the Father (vv. 3-6)

- A. He Chose Us (v. 4)
- B. He Predestined Us (v. 5)

### II. The Actions of the Son (vv. 7-12).

- A. He redeemed us (vv. 7, 8)
- B. He made known to us the mystery (vv. 9, 10)
- C. He secured for us an inheritance (vv. 11-13a)

1. The inheritance was **personal** – [“we have obtained”]
2. The inheritance was **predetermined**
3. The inheritance is **appropriated** by believing the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation (“to hope in Christ” [v. 12]).

### III. The Sealing of the Holy Spirit (vv. 13, 14).

- A. He is the seal
- B. He is the pledge | guarantee
  1. First, the seal identifies ownership
  2. Second, the seal guarantees outcome

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## **Now What? Where do we go from here?**

There is a three-fold response to this study.

- First, humility, why? Because God loves you.
- Second, gratitude, why? Because God loves you.
- Third, worship, why? Because God loves you.