

# Chosen By God

**Ephesians 1:1-14**

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Matthew 6:19**

## How spiritually rich we are in Christ Jesus.

### 1. God has \_\_\_\_\_ us.

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

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:2***

#### **God has Chosen Us**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **Ephesians 1:3***

*For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. **Ephesians 1:4***

*God told the prophet, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” **Jeremiah 1:5***

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#### **Why has God chosen us?**

He has chosen us for a \_\_\_\_\_ , to be holy and blameless in the world in which we live.

*“You are the salt of the earth... “You are the light of the world... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

**Matthew 5:13, 14, 16**

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:20*

## **2. God has \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

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*he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:5-6*

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

**Foreknowledge is God seeing in advance what's going to happen.**

**Predestination is God mapping out in advance what's going to happen.**

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

*to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Ephesians 1:6*

## **3. God has \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

*How spiritually rich we are in Christ Jesus.*

*And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their*

*fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. Ephesians 1:9-10*

### **Concerning prophecies, mysteries revealed**

*Even angels long to look into these things. 1 Peter 1:12*

### **God’s Family Secrets—mysteries revealed**

- The Messiah would have to \_\_\_\_\_
- Gentiles to be included in God's kingdom
- God has a purpose in \_\_\_\_\_ for the world

### **Inscription over the dome at the US Capitol**

*“One God, one law, one element and one far off divine event toward which the whole creation moves.”*

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*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11*

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. Genesis 50:20*

## **4. God has \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

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*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13*

*who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. **Ephesians 1:14***

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” **Acts 2:38-39***

*You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. **Romans 8:9***

*In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **John 14:2-3***

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **1 Peter 1:3***

*and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. **1 Peter 1:4-5***

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