



**IDENTITY – PART 2**  
**Ephesians 1:1-14 (ESV)**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the **saints** who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 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 **in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as **he chose us in him** before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy and blameless** before him. In love 5 **he predestined us for adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 **In him** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the **mystery** of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things **in him**, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 **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, 12 so that we who were the first to hope **in Christ** might be to the praise of his glory. 13 **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, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**IN CHRIST (REVIEW)...**

**1. I AM A SAINT**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the **saints** who are in Ephesus

**2. I HAVE GRACE AND PEACE FROM GOD**

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

**THREE TENSES OF SALVATION – AS A SAINT IN CHRIST...**

A. I AM SAVED FROM THE  
PENALTY OF SIN  
(JUSTIFIED)

B. I AM BEING SAVED FROM  
THE POWER OF SIN  
(SANCTIFIED)

C. I WILL BE SAVED FROM THE  
PRESENCE OF SIN  
(GLORIFIED)

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**A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF PREDESTINATION:**

προορίζω – *proorizó*; to foreordain, mark out beforehand, “pre-horizon”

Passage (and clarifying passage)	Who is predestined?	For what?
Acts 4:28		
1 Corinthians 2:7 (Ephesians 3:6)		
Romans 8:29-30 (2 Tim. 1:9)		
Ephesians 1:5, 11 (Romans 8:22-23)		

**IN CHRIST...**

**3. I AM CHOSEN TO BE (AND BECOME) HOLY AND BLAMELESS**

*Ephesians 1:3 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, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

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**4. I AM PREDESTINED FOR ADOPTION**

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

*Ephesians 1:11 **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*

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