

The Glory of God Alone

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

Main Idea: *God saves sinful rebels for the praise of his Glory Alone*

Praise God for his remarkable plan of redemption!

1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
[the one] who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

1. The Father chose you from eternity past

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

1:5 In love
he predestined [lit. predestining] us for adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose [εὐδοκία=good pleasure] of his will,
1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

2. The Son purchased you in time and space

1:7 In him we have
redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace,
1:8 which he lavished upon us,
in all wisdom
and insight
making known to us the mystery of his will,
1:9 according to his purpose [εὐδοκία=good pleasure],
which he set forth [οἰκονομία=purposed] in Christ
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven
and things on earth.
1:10 In him we have obtained an inheritance [or were chosen (NIV) κληρώ can denote either],
having been predestined
according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
1:11 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ
might be to the praise of his glory.

3. The Spirit seals you for eternity future.

1:13 In him you also,
when
you heard
the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation,
and (you) believed in him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance
until we acquire possession of it,
to the praise of his glory.