
IN CHRIST
MADE NEW,
MADE ONE
A SERIES IN EPHESIANS

Ephesians 1:7–14

The Plan, the Price, and the Promise

Redeemed • Restored • Sealed

EPHESIANS 1:3–4 — NASB 2020

(3) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

EPHESIANS 1:5–6 — NASB 2020

(5) He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, (6) to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He favored us in the Beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:7–8 — NASB 2020

(7) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace (8) which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

EPHESIANS 1:9–10 — NASB 2020

(9) He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, (10) regarding His plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

EPHESIANS 1:11 — NASB 2020

(11) In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will,

EPHESIANS 1:12 — NASB 2020

(12) to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

EPHESIANS 1:13 — NASB 2020

(13) In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

EPHESIANS 1:14 — NASB 2020

(14) who is a first installment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

BIG IDEA

Christ paid the price of our freedom.
Christ is the center of God’s plan.
The Spirit guarantees our future.

(Eph. 1:7–14)

1. THE PRICE — REDEMPTION

God purposed our adoption.
Christ provided our redemption.
Grace made the way.

(Eph. 1:4–8)

REDEMPTION — APOLYTRŌSIS

Release secured at a cost.
Forgiveness names our need.
His blood secures our freedom.

(Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18–19)

PURPOSE → CROSS

Chosen to be holy in Christ.
Redeemed through His blood.
Not Plan B, but God’s purpose.

(Eph. 1:4–7)

EPHESUS — A NEW ALLEGIANCE

Magic books burned publicly.
50,000 silver pieces ≈ 50,000 day-wages,
~10mil today.
Christ, not magic, is Lord.

(Acts 19:11–20)

2. THE PLAN — RESTORATION

The mystery has been revealed.
All things find their goal in Christ.
His reign gives history direction.

(Eph. 1:9–10)

MYSTERY — MYSTĒRION

Not an unsolvable puzzle.
A purpose once hidden, now known.
God has revealed it in Christ.

(Eph. 1:9; Col. 1:26–27)

SUM UP — ANAKEPHALAIOŌ

To bring together; to sum up.
Christ is creation’s true center.
Evil will not have the last word.

(Eph. 1:10; Rom. 13:9)

THE BIBLE'S GREAT STORY

CREATION → FALL
REDEMPTION → RESTORATION
Christ is the center and goal.

(Gen. 1–3; Rev. 21–22)

EPHESUS — WHO IS LORD?

Artemis shaped the city.

The gospel challenged its loyalties.

The future belongs to Christ.

(Acts 19:23–41; Eph. 1:10)

THE CHURCH — A PREVIEW

Christ reconciles divided peoples.

The church displays His unity.

Our relationships should show it.

(Eph. 2:11–22; 4:1–6)

APPLY THE PLAN

Where is Christ not yet first?
Pursue reconciliation this week.
Live for His lasting kingdom.

(Eph. 1:10; 4:1–3)

3. THE PROMISE — SPIRIT

The gospel was heard and believed.
The Spirit is God’s own seal.
His presence begins our future.

(Eph. 1:13–14)

SEALED — SPHRAGIZŌ

A seal marks ownership and trust.
God gives us His own Spirit.
We belong to Him in Christ.

(Eph. 1:13; Rom. 8:9)

GUARANTEE — ARRABŌN

The Spirit: first installment.

The inheritance: still to come.

The future begins in us now.

(Eph. 1:14; Rom. 8:23)

REDEMPTION — NOW & NOT YET

NOW: forgiven, sealed, renewed.
LATER: resurrection, restoration.
God will complete His purpose.

(Eph. 1:7, 14; Rom. 8:23)

APPLY THE PROMISE

Receive His assurance in Christ.
Let the Spirit reshape your life.
Make God’s future visible today.

(Eph. 4:1–3; Gal. 5:16)

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY

The Father purposed salvation.
The Son accomplished redemption.
The Spirit begins our future.

(Eph. 1:6, 12, 14)

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Election and Providence

God has a plan (decree) and purpose, for His glory, for all of creation, including humanity, established before the foundation of the world (Ps. 33:10-11, 115:3; Eph. 1:11; 2:20; Heb. 6:17). God by grace and mercy, has elected to give some individuals every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph. 1:3-4; 2 Thess. 2:13-14). For some people, the basis of His election is entirely upon His purposes (Gen. 12:1-3; Acts 9:3-16; Gal. 1:15). For others His choice is the result of their grace-enabled decision to receive His freely offered gift of salvation in Jesus Christ (John 3:16-18; Acts 16:13-15; 16:30-31). In all cases He directs events towards His purposes (Job 1:12, 2:6; Isa. 44:25). Salvation is never according to human goodness, human merit, or any works done to earn salvation (Eph. 1:5; 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 1:9). All others will be left in their unbelieving state and condemned (Acts 13:46; Rev. 13:8). In His sovereignty and gracious wisdom, God rules creation to secure the accomplishment of His divine purpose with the goal of the glory and praise of God (Eph. 1:6), this extends to every event (Matt. 10:29-31; Prov. 16:33), to good deeds (Phil. 2:13), and to evil deeds which God limits, frustrates, and works among for good (Gen. 50:20; Ps. 33:11; 76:10; Isa. 19:3). The sin and evil that are done are ultimately punished, as well as lovingly turned for the sanctifying good of God's people (Gen. 50:20; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Phil. 1:12; 1 Thess. 5:3; 2 Pet. 2:9, 3:7). He is at war with evil and is overcoming it with good until the day of judgment (Gen 3:15; Matt. 12:29; Rom. 16:20; Heb. 2:14-15). God is not the author or approver of evil or sin (Isa. 6:3-5; Heb. 4:15; James 1:13; 1 John 2:16-17), evil and suffering are in some part the result of God giving real choice to moral agents who are personally responsible for their choices (Jer. 17:10; Rom. 2:5-6). God will ultimately and absolutely carry out this eternal plan (Isa. 46:10) despite the sinful rebellion of His creation (Gen. 50:20; Neh. 4:15).