

Blessed Beyond Measure

Ephesians 1:1-14

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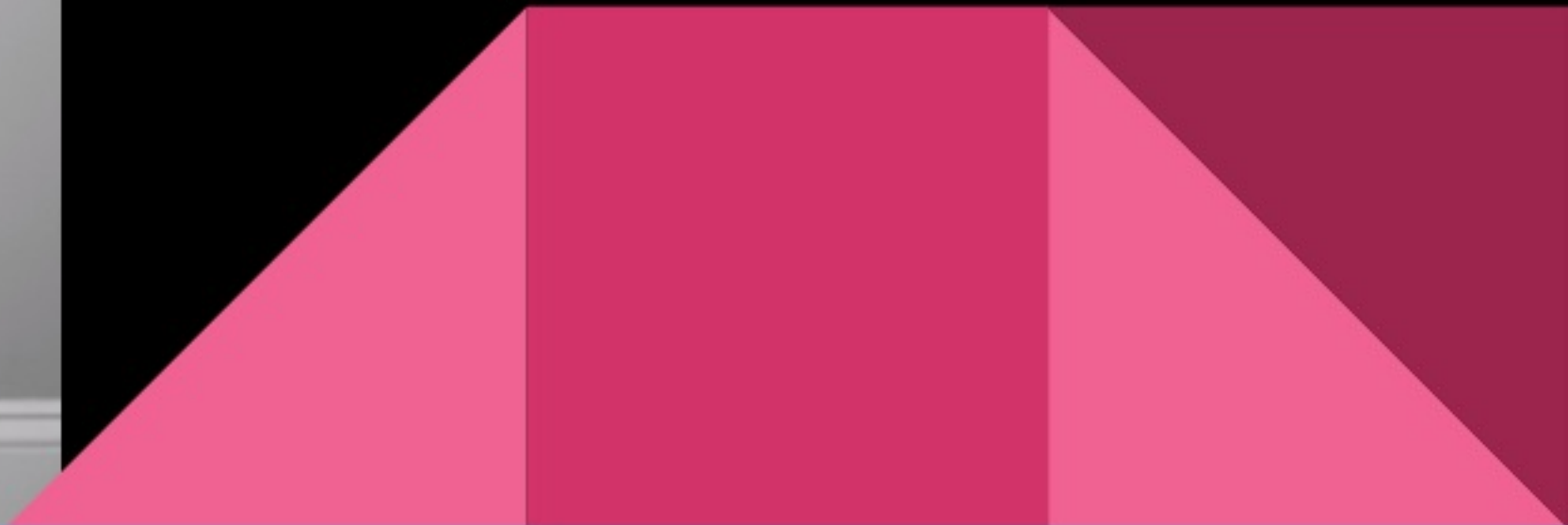
















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“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...”

Are you desiring to live in the Will of God?

Paul's Missionary Journey to Ephesus: Acts 18:18
through Chapter 19 and 20:17-38

Ephesus was a major city (port city) and had pagan worship of many gods/goddesses.

- The main one being Diana/Artemis



1. God has Chosen us, predestined us and adopted us in Christ

The greatest thing you've ever been chosen for, if you're in Christ, is to be chosen into the family of God.

God chooses us even though we bring nothing to the table.

God chooses us so that we can be holy and blameless.

- Romans 8:29



Doctrine of Election vs. Free Will

The Doctrine of Election: God chooses to save some and others he chooses not to save.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” (John 6:44)

God is the one who drew you to Himself for salvation.

God made the first move. If God had not pursued us we would have never went towards God.



Doctrine of Election vs. Free Will

God chose Abraham to bring about the nation of Israel.

God chose Israel out of all the other nations.

God chose Jacob, not Esau.

- God chose David, not Saul.

Jesus chose 12 disciples to bring the gospel to the nations.

God throughout the Bible has chosen people!



Doctrine of Election vs. Free Will

Free Will: we as humans have an option whether we choose God or reject Him.

We have a responsibility to respond to the gospel.

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him” (Eph. 1:13)

- God draws us to Himself but man has a responsibility to respond, to repent, and say yes, Lord I believe!



2. We have been redeemed by the Son

Jesus is rescuing us from our slavery to sin. He is breaking the chains so we can be set free!

The sin that we accumulate can't surpass the riches of His grace and the love that Christ lavishes on us.

Nothing we could ever do could take away the riches of His grace that He extends to us.

- There is more grace in our God than there is sin in our lives.



3. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit

A seal was a mark of ownership and authenticity. It was used for cattle, and even slaves were branded by their masters.

God puts His seal on us, His Holy Spirit.



Captain
Matthew Rollins

