

Ephesians

The Church: Christ's Body to a Broken World Ephesians 1:1-14 – Part 2

Timeline of the Apostle Paul

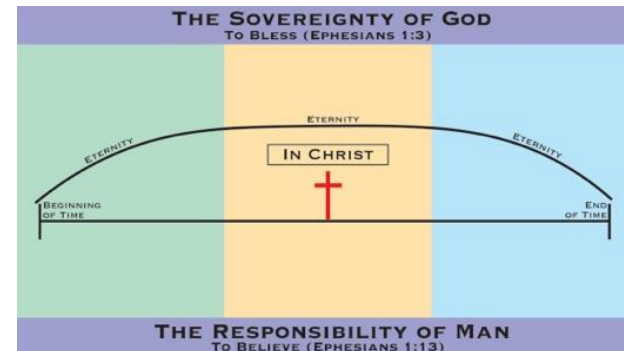
33 AD	Death & Resurrection of Jesus
34-35 AD	Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
46-47 AD	1st Missionary Journey
49-51 AD	2nd Missionary Journey
52-57 AD	3rd Missionary Journey
62 AD	Letter to Ephesus from Rome
64-65 AD	Death of Paul in Rome

Ephesians explains the Church's universal role as the body of Christ who is Lord over the universe.

Ephesians 1:1–14 (ESV) — Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption

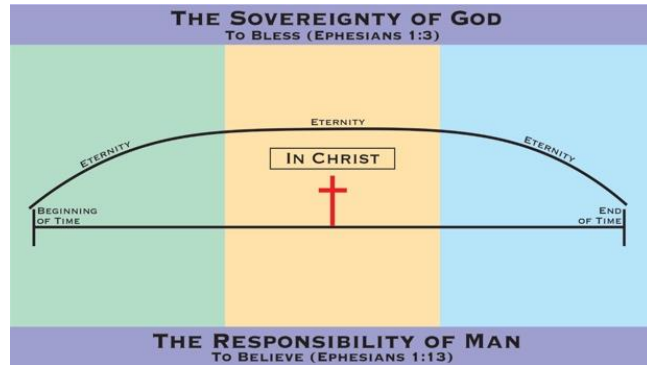
through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

In Ephesians 1:3-14, we are given the interconnectedness of the Eternal Plan of God in both time and eternity.



Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

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



Ephesians 1:13 (ESV)

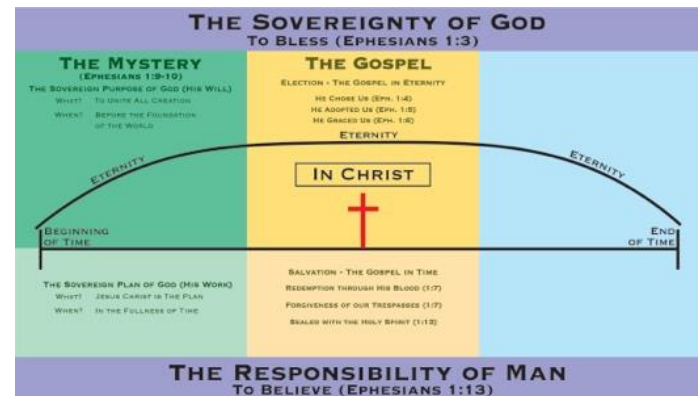
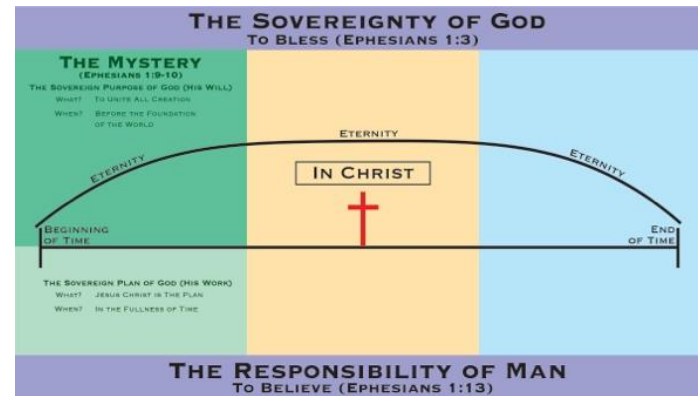
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John 6:28–29 (ESV)

Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

Ephesians 1:9–10 (ESV)

Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



Reality #1

It is an indisputable Biblical fact that God, the Originator, Creator, and Sustainer of all life, has been, is now, and forever will be, in charge of all things.

Reality #2

Man, created in the image of God, as the pinnacle of creation, as a free moral agent, is responsible before God.

Question

How can God be in charge, knowing the beginning from the end, and man still have the ability to freely choose?

Truth

These two seemingly irreconcilable realities converge at the Cross & Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

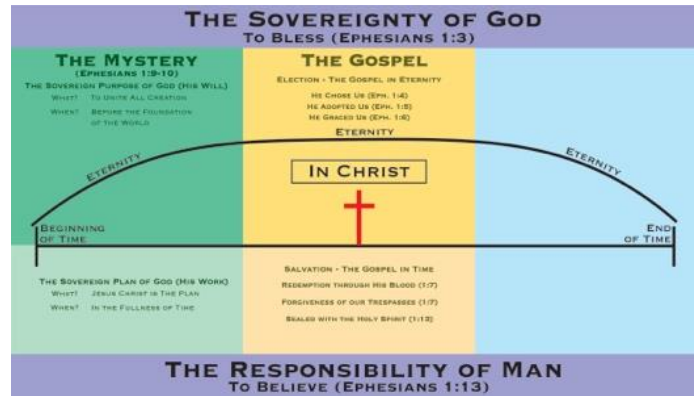
The sovereignty of God and the freewill of Man are not enemies, but friends!

“Election is the sovereign act of God in grace whereby He chose and adopted in Christ Jesus for salvation all those whom He foreknew would receive Him.”

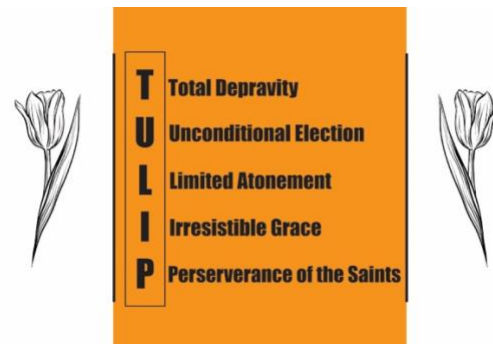
There is a difference between God knowing beforehand the events that were to happen and God determining those events to occur.

The Bible teaches election, but not selection!

The Bible teaches predestination, but not predetermination!



Who did Jesus Christ die for?



Ephesians 5:25–27 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

John 10:15 (ESV)

Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 17:9–11 (ESV)

I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 1:29 (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1 Timothy 2:6 (ESV)

Who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 John 2:2 (ESV)

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

2 Peter 2:1 (ESV)

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

Hebrews 2:9 (ESV)

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

John 8:24 (ESV)

I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.

Exodus 12:13 (ESV)

The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

#1 The atonement is SUFFICIENT for all, but it is EFFICIENT for only those who believe in Christ.

#2 The atonement as the redemptive dealing of God with men is UNLIMITED.

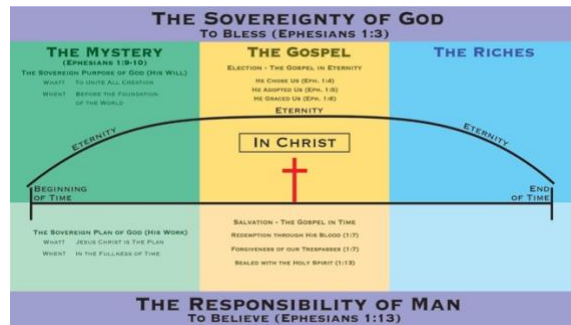
#3 The application of the atonement is LIMITED to those who truly believe in Christ.

#4 Jesus is the Savior of all men POTENTIALLY.

#5 Jesus is the Savior of believers alone EFFECTUALLY.

1 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.



Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

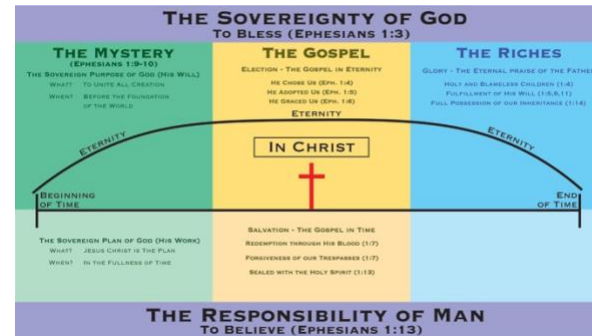
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Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

Ephesians 1:18 (ESV)

Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints



Ephesians 1:5-6 (ESV)

He predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:14 (ESV)

Who [the Holy Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵ but as he who called you is

holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

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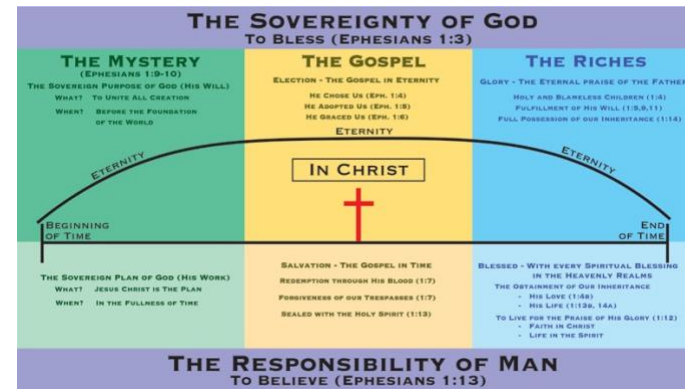
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Ephesians 1:4b-5 (ESV)

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John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

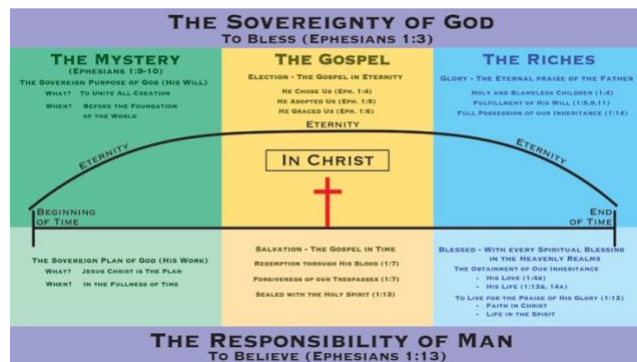
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Ephesians 1:13a (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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