EPHESIANS

GOD'S PLAN
Knowing His Power in Christ









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Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the <u>Spirit</u> of God was hovering over the waters.

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Produces

- Guaranteed (with deposit) inheritance (eternal life)
- Praise to God's Glory: reflecting this great inheritance
- Holy Kids of the King, Ambassadors, Priests, Disciples, Body

Romans 8:14

For those who are <u>led</u> by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

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