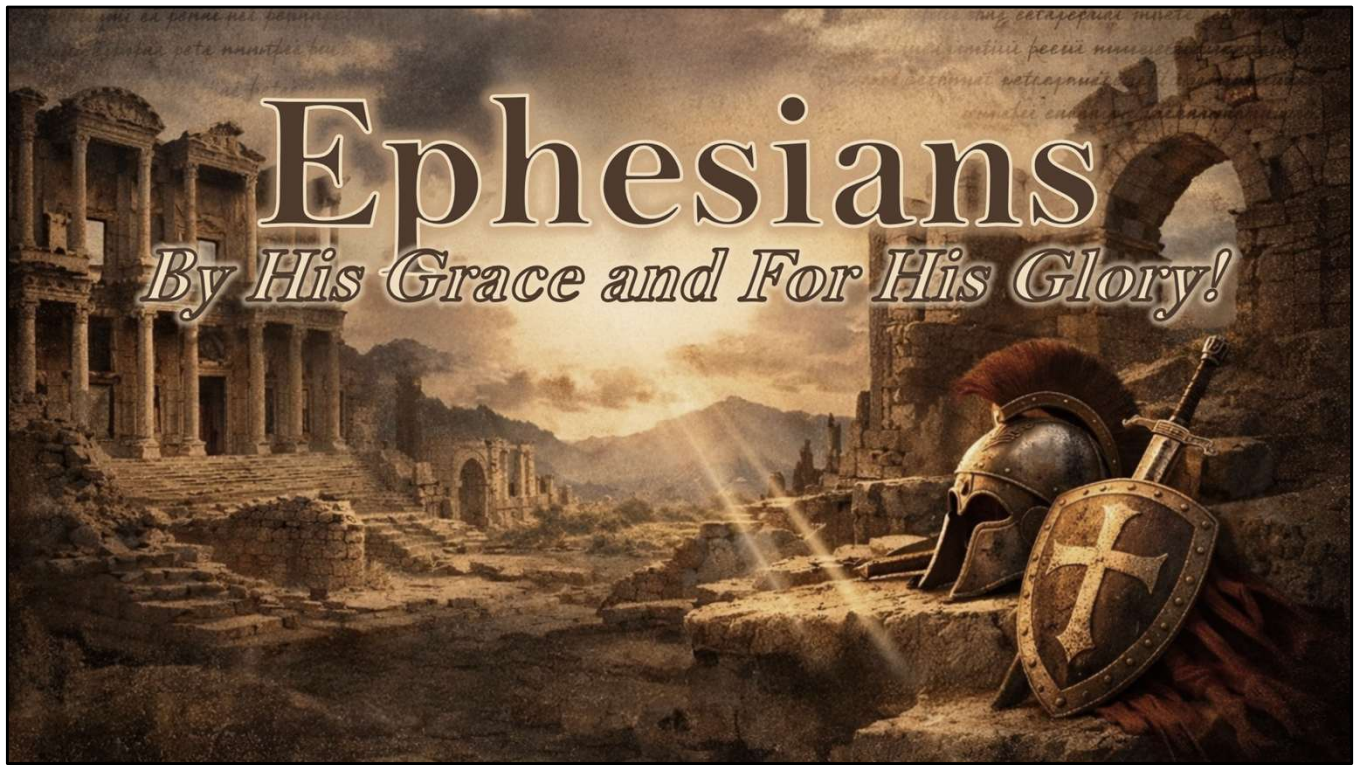
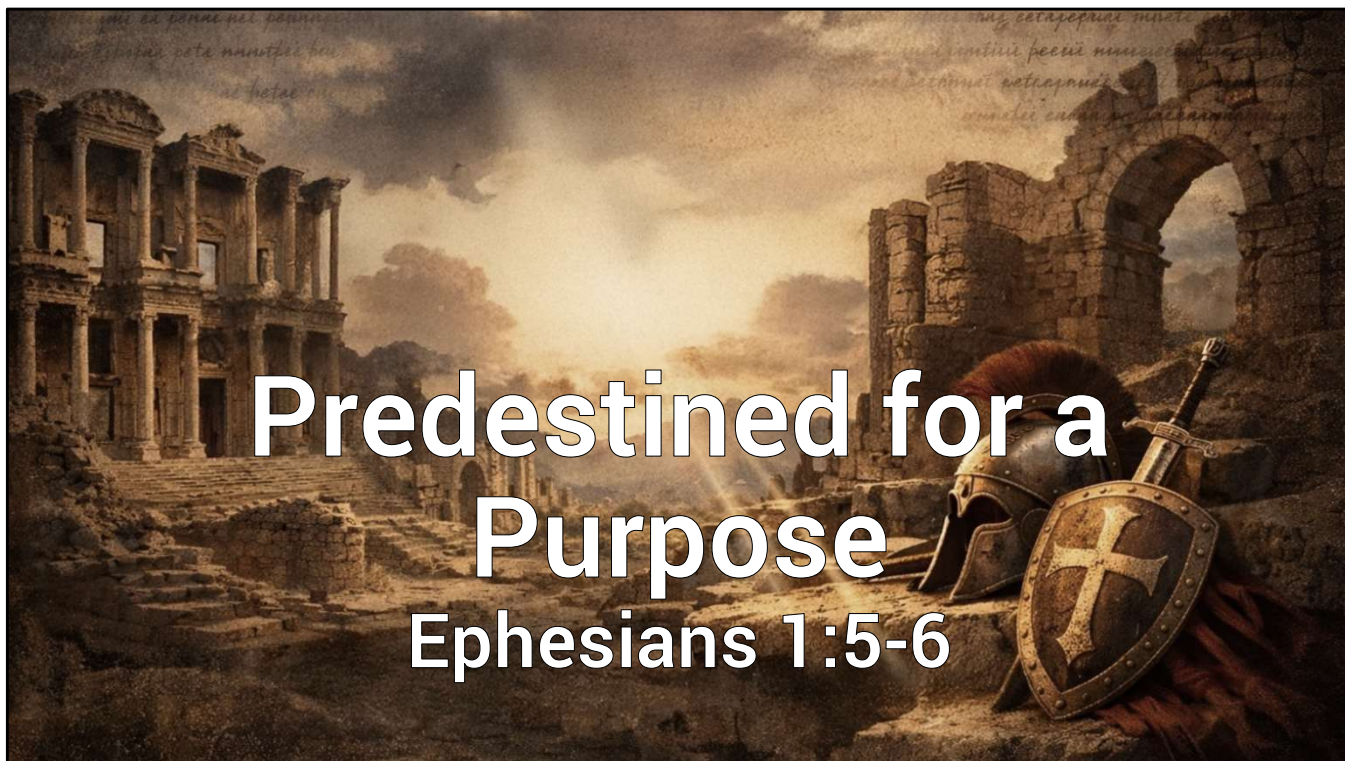




Ephesians

By His Grace and For His Glory!



1:5-6 Predestined for a Purpose
Eph.1:5-6 Predestined for a Purpose

What is the point of predestination regarding our salvation?

Are there more reasons or verses about this?

Why does the Bible say we (the Saved) are Adopted? Aren't all people Gods children?

Does the Bible say there are other benefits to being Adopted?

What is Gods purpose and will?

Who are the Beloved?

Have you heard of the perseverance of the saints, what does it mean? How does it tie in with predestination?

God chose us in Christ
before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Ephesians 1:4



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

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. NLT

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love NASB20

Hearts and Hands!

Predestined...acc. to the purpose of His Will

- Ephesians 1:5 – In Love...he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
 - Chosen 22x – the Sovereign, gracious will of God
 - Elect 15x – 1 Peter 1:1; Matthew 24:22, 24, 31; Romans 8:33, 11:7
 - Predestined 6x – Acts 4:28; Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:11
- Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) – Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith

the Sovereign = Unthwartable!

Chosen = called out, 22x in 20vs.

[Mar 13:20 ESV] 20 And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

[Luk 6:13 ESV] 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:

[Luk 9:35 ESV] 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

[Jhn 6:70 ESV] 70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil."

[Jhn 13:18 ESV] 18 I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.'

[Jhn 15:16, 19 ESV] 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ... 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

[1Co 1:27-28 ESV] 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

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

[Jas 2:5 ESV] 5 Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

Chosen to be adopted –

[Eph 1:5 ESV] 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according

to the purpose of his will,

Predestined G4309 – proorizō, from 3724 ὁρίζω, orizo is from English word for Horizon

[Act 4:28 ESV] 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

[Rom 8:29-30 ESV] 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

[1Co 2:7 ESV] 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

[Eph 1:5 ESV] 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

[Eph 1:11 ESV] 11 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,

[Act 17:31 ESV] 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man **whom he has appointed**; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

G3724 – *horizō ὁρίζω*

[Luk 22:22 ESV] 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

[Act 2:23 ESV] 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

[Act 10:42 ESV] 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

[Act 11:29 ESV] 29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

[Act 17:26, 31 ESV] 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ... 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

[Rom 1:4 ESV] 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

[Heb 4:7 ESV] 7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

Elect 15x

[Mat 24:22, 24, 31 ESV] 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ... 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so

as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ... 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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[Luk 18:7 ESV] 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?

[Rom 8:33 ESV] 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

[Rom 11:7 ESV] 7 What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened,

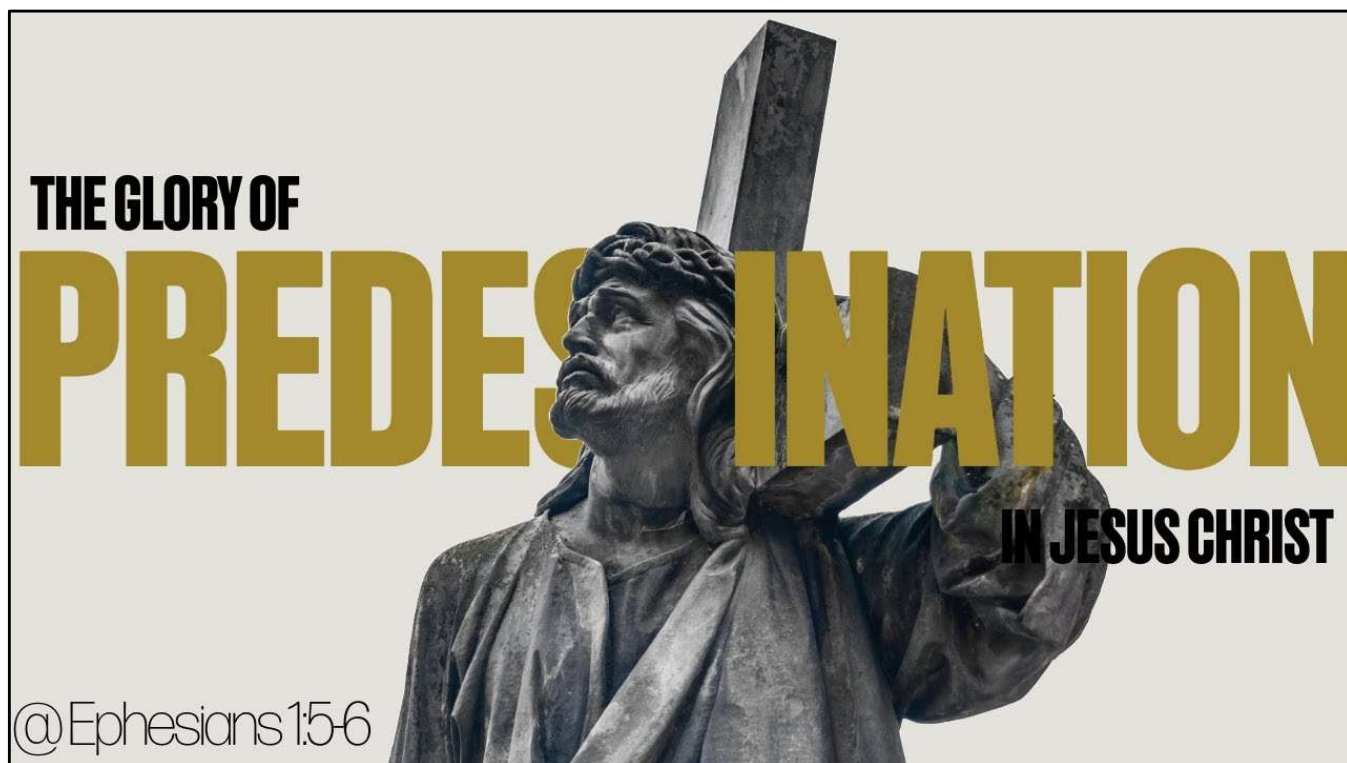
[1Ti 5:21 ESV] 21 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging, doing nothing from partiality.

[2Ti 2:10 ESV] 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

[Tit 1:1 ESV] 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,

[1Pe 1:1 ESV] 1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

[2Jo 1:1, 13 ESV] 1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ... 13 The children of your elect sister greet you.



Jesus was predestined! TO Be crucified for us! "he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,"

He didn't complain or whine! HE counted it joy!

Predestined to...

- Ephesians 1:4 – chose us...that we should be holy & blameless
- Ephesians 1:5 – he predestined us for adoption to himself
- Ephesians 1:11 – In him we have obtained an inheritance
- Romans 8:29 – predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son

We humans tend to think of Predestination as a violation of our will OR Just going to heaven?!! Lets look at it closer.

Is it wrong of God to violate our Will?

Lets review – He predestined us to be Holy & Blameless, Adoption, Inheritance, Conformed to the image of His Son, Justified and Glorified

Even IF good brothers disagree on the doctrines of grace, We ALL must believe that We ARE PREDESTINED TO HOLINESS/CHRISTLIKENESS!. Where's the Zeal for this purpose?!

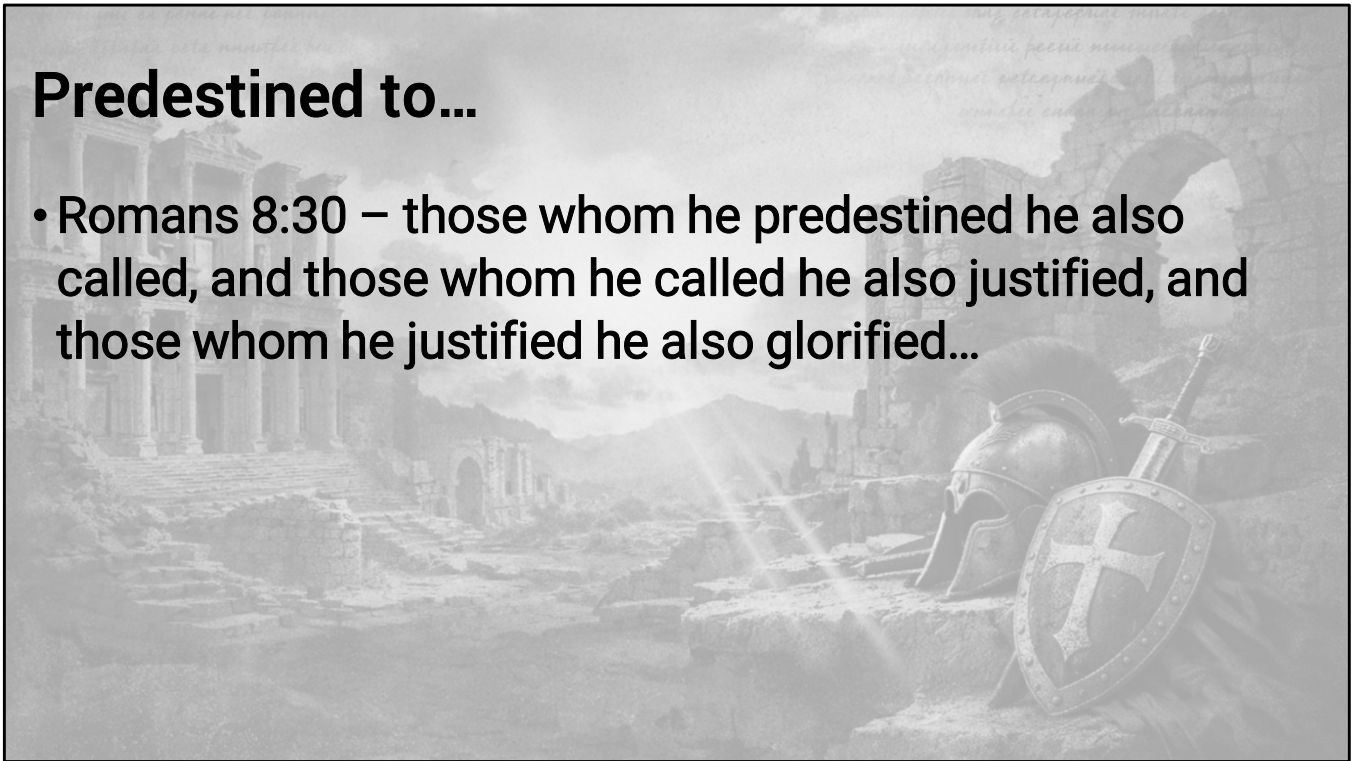
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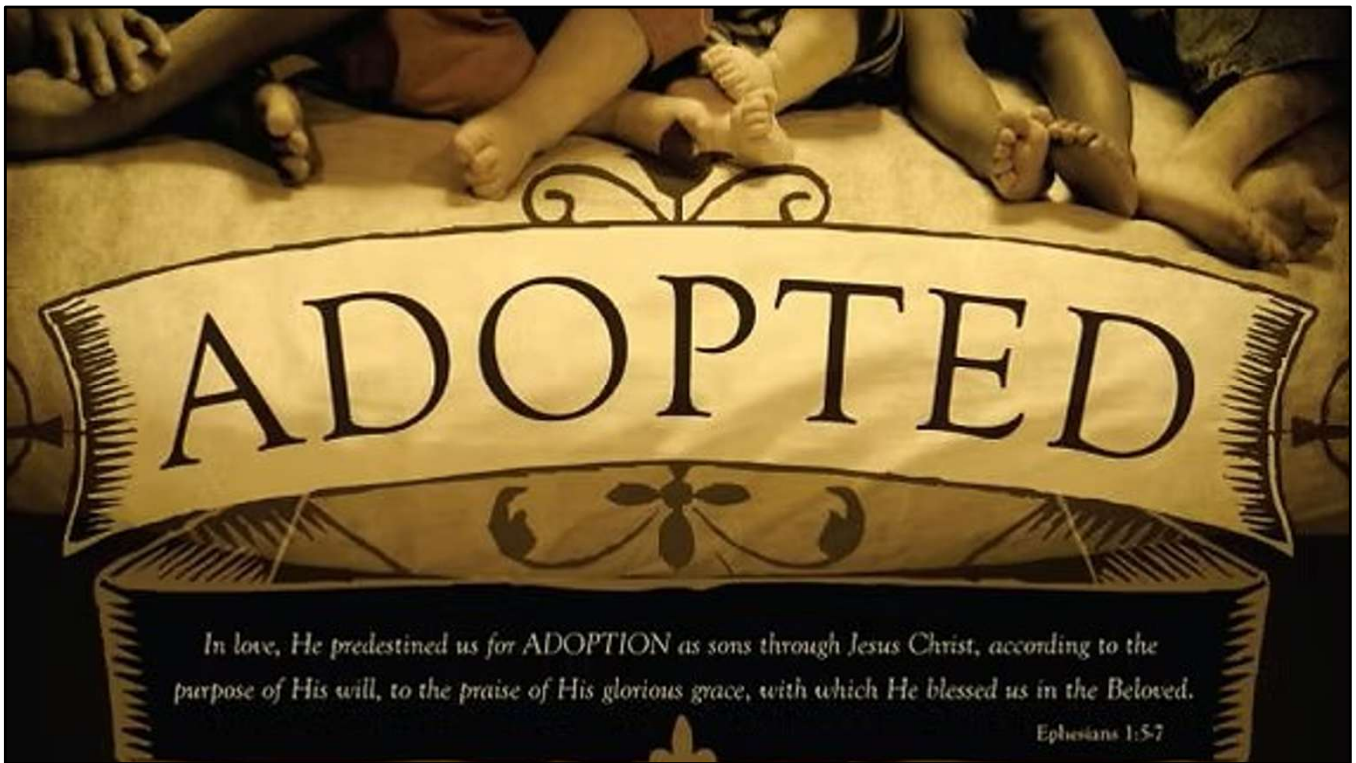
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Predestined to...

- Romans 8:30 – those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified...





Eph 1:5-7 ESV] 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Do people struggle with their Identity?

Views on identity

Among Americans

What I do determines who I am.

42%

Who I am determines what I do.

42%

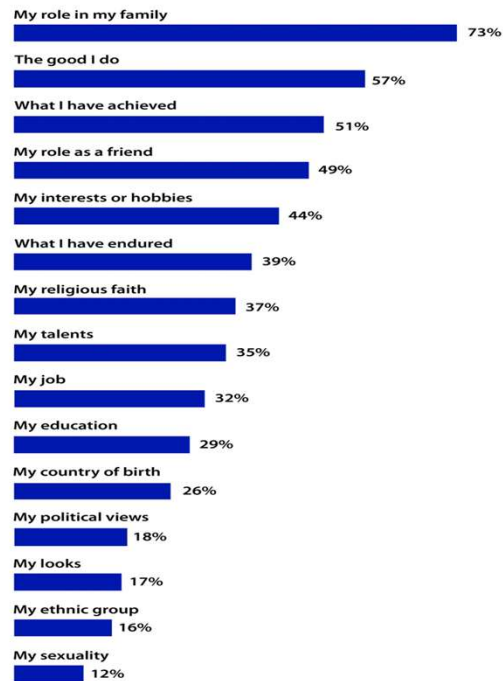
Not sure

15%



LifeWayResearch.com

Top 15 markers Americans consider very important to their identity



Few Americans, however, say religion in general or faith in Christ specifically is at the forefront of their identity.

When asked the open-ended question, "When you think about who you are, what are the first three things that come to mind?" 8% say Christian. Fewer say religious/spiritual (2%), child of God (2%) or blessed (1%).

More Americans mention being a parent (25%), intelligent (12%), their job (11%), compassionate (11%), husband (10%), kind (10%), trustworthy (10%), wife (8%), friend (8%), hardworking (8%) and honest (8%).

<https://research.lifeway.com/2019/07/30/americans-most-likely-to-find-identity-in-family-and-accomplishments/>

How many people wrestle with their Identity?

Why?

How much of who you are is determined by who you came from?

How much of who you are is determined by Who loved/Raised you?

You can be Born again!!

Adopted? Aren't we already children of God?

- Isaiah 1:2 – “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: “Children have I reared and brought up but they have rebelled against me...””
- Ezekiel 16:6 – “And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood...I said...‘Live’...I made you flourish”!...(God saw an abandoned child and adopted!)
- Malachi 1:6 – “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor?”...

Moses was adopted!
Esther by Mordecai
We MUST be Born Again!

[Isa 1:2-6, 9, 18, 21 ESV] 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." 4 Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. 5 Why will you still be struck down? Why will you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and raw wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up or softened with oil. ... 9 If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah. ... 18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ... 21 How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

[Isa 46:3-4 ESV] 3 "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; 4 even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

[Jer 31:9 ESV] 9 With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

[Eze 16:6-14 ESV] 6 "And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you

in your blood, 'Live!' I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' 7 I made you flourish like a plant of the field. And you grew up and became tall and arrived at full adornment. Your breasts were formed, and your hair had grown; yet you were naked and bare. 8 "When I passed by you again and saw you, behold, you were at the age for love, and I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your nakedness; I made my vow to you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord GOD, and you became mine. 9 Then I bathed you with water and washed off your blood from you and anointed you with oil. 10 I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with fine leather. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 And I adorned you with ornaments and put bracelets on your wrists and a chain on your neck. 12 And I put a ring on your nose and earrings in your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour and honey and oil. You grew exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. 14 And your renown went forth among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through the splendor that I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord GOD.

[Eze 20:5 ESV] 5 and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob, making myself known to them in the land of Egypt; I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God.

[Rom 9:4-5 ESV] 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

[Mal 1:6 ESV] 6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'

The family with 34 children - and counting...<https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30386348>

Jeane and Paul Briggs have 38 children - 32 of whom were adopted from 5 other countries including Mexico, Ghana and Ukraine. Now their family is about to get even bigger.

In 1985, Jeane Briggs was at church when she was shown a photograph of a two-year-old boy. He was living in an orphanage in Mexico, was blind and had been beaten so badly that he was in a body cast - his legs were broken and he had suffered brain damage.

Now, the West Virginia parents are opening up about how they make their busy lives work

<https://people.com/couple-didnt-dream-of-megafamily-but-ended-up-raising-37-kids-exclusive-12025651>

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2015/12/adoption-happily-ever-after-myth/418230/>

But a [research brief](#) published in October by the Institute for Family Studies threw a bit of cold water on this fantasy. The report, written by psychologist Nicholas Zill, was sobering: At the start of kindergarten, about one in four adopted children has a diagnosed disability, twice the rate of children being raised by both biological parents. Adopted children were significantly likelier than birth children to have behavior and learning problems; teachers reported they were worse at paying attention in class, and less able to persevere on difficult tasks.

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A new follow-up [report](#) from the think tank suggests the problems for adopted children not only fail to fade with time—they multiply. In the new report, Zill finds that by eighth grade, fully half of adopted children have diagnosed disabilities. One third have received an out-of-school suspension by the end of that school year, compared to 10 percent of children living with both biological parents. And adopted students performed significantly below average on reading, math, and science assessment tests; although the adopted students with diagnosed disabilities performed slightly worse than their other adopted peers, the difference was not statistically reliable. Like the October report, the new analysis was based on a longitudinal study of a national sample of kindergarteners conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics.

The reports add to a growing chorus of voices that challenge the popular Pollyannaism around adoption. [Recent reporting by Kathryn Joyce](#) and others have raised questions about coercive and dishonest treatments of birth families in international adoptions. A few particularly bad endings have made national news, including novelist Joyce Maynard's [decision](#) to give her two adopted Ethiopian girls to another family in 2012 and the Tennessee mother who put her adopted 7-year-old son [back on a plane](#) to his home country of Russia. According to [statistics](#) from the federal Child Welfare Information Gateway, up to 10 percent of adoptions—and very possibly more—end in “disruption,”

Iowa Woman, 75, Fostered More Than 600 Children in 50 Years: 'I Had So Much Love to Give'

<https://people.com/human-interest/iowa-woman-linda-herring-foster-600-kids/>

Around [5 million](#) Americans are adopted.

There are about [4.5 million adopted children](#) in the United States, which is 7% of the

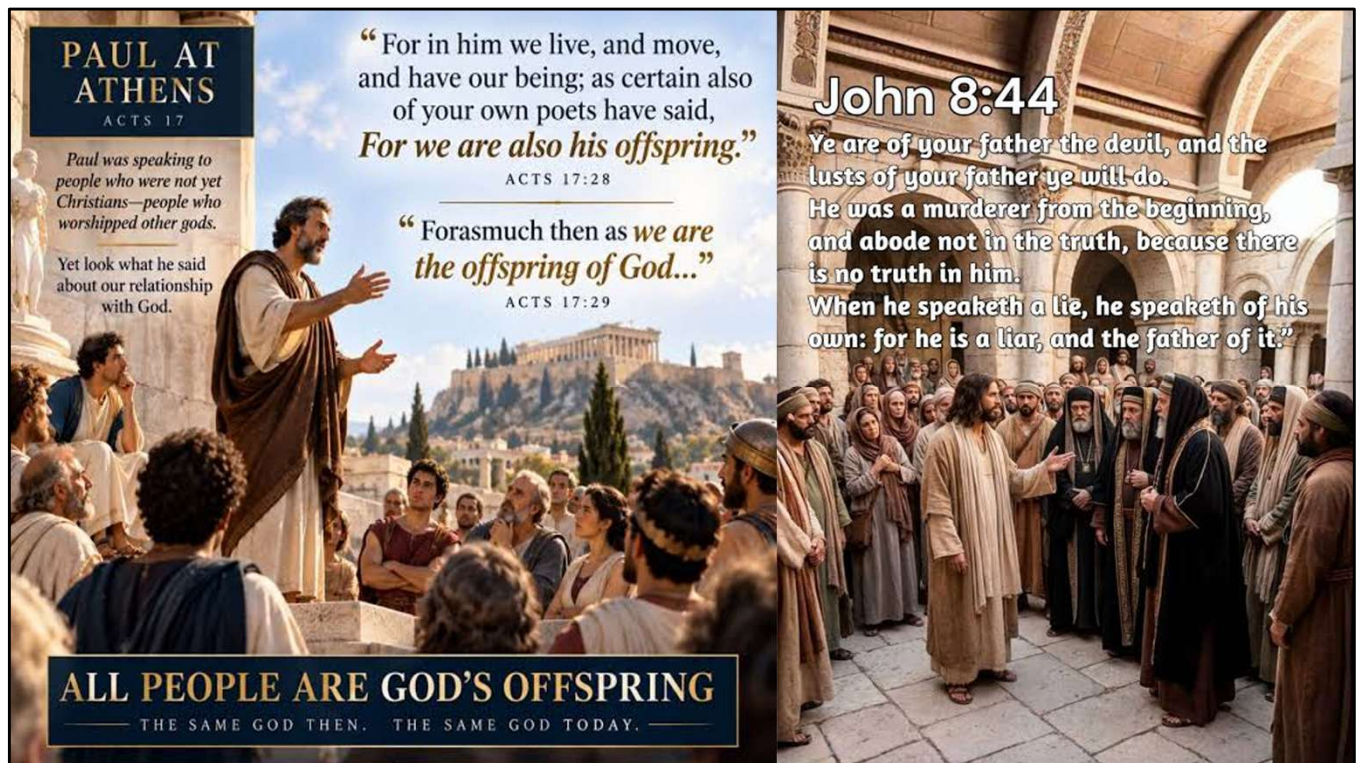
population reported in the 2010 Census. This amount includes children who are adopted by relatives or a stepparent.

approximately 115,353 adoptions took place in 2019

The most recent AFCARS report of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services states that there are almost 114,000 [foster children eligible for and waiting to be adopted](#). In 2021, 54,200 foster kids were adopted which is a decline of approximately 3700 from the prior year.

The average age of a waiting child is almost 8 years old. Fifty-two percent of children entered foster care in 2019 were 6 years old or older.

<https://adoptionnetwork.com/adoption-myths-facts/domestic-us-statistics/>



[Act 17:22-29 ESV] 22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.

Misidentified their Father as a lifeless Idol of Paganism

Or

The Devil himself!

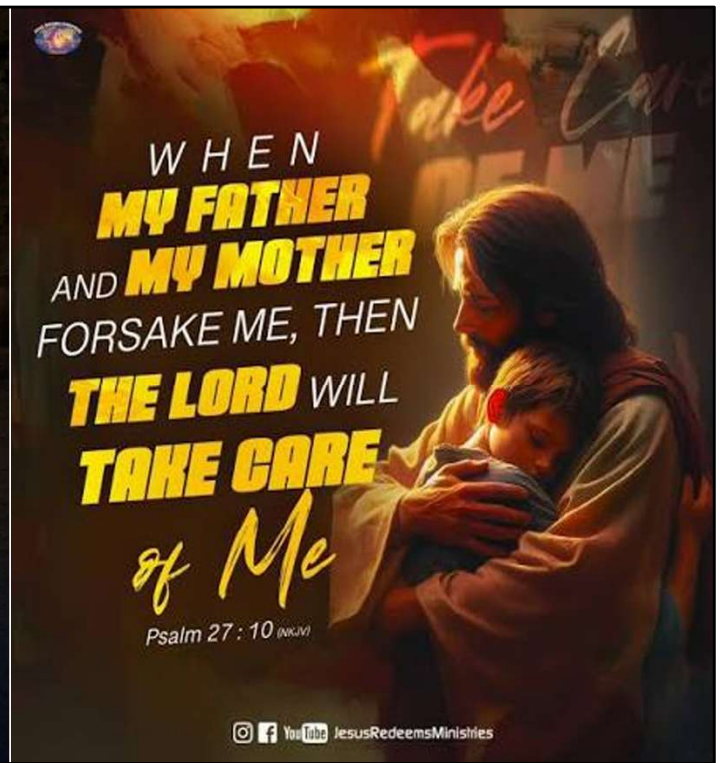
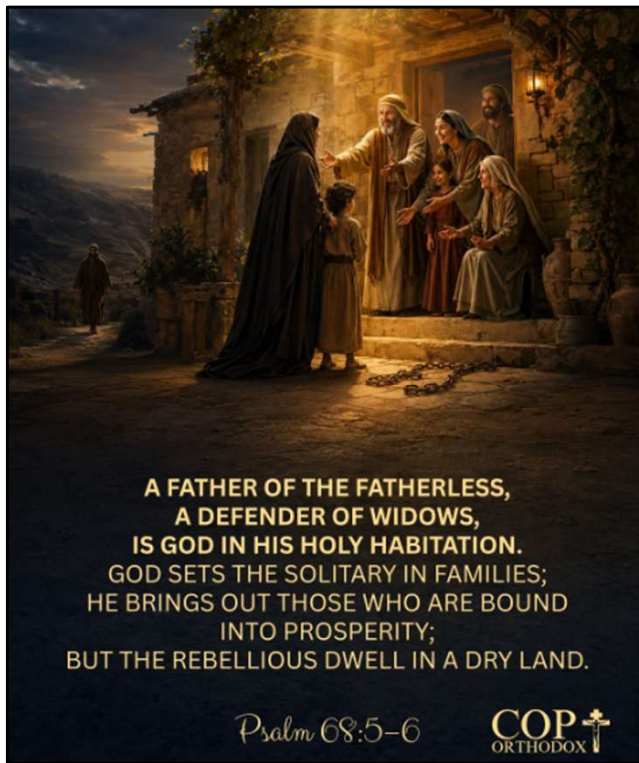
[Jhn 8:44 ESV] 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

[Jhn 8:38, 41 ESV] 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." ... 41 You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God."

[Mat 13:38 ESV] 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

[Act 13:10 ESV] 10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord?

[1Jo 3:8-10, 12 ESV] 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ... 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.



Psa 68:5-6 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. 6 God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Ps.27:10 NLT
Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the LORD will hold me close.

[Psa 27:10 ESV] 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

Inheritance? Jesus is my brother!

- Matthew 6:9 – Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...your kingdom...your will”!
- Hebrews 2:10-11 – “For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.”

Look again at this verse and notice Paul credits “some of your own poets” with this saying. He was quoting a line from the *Phoenomena* by the Greek poet Aratus: “...always we all have need of Zeus. For we are also his offspring;...” This quote actually refers to offspring of the false deity, Zeus, of Greek mythology.

The New Covenant changed all that!

[Heb 2:9-14, 17-18 ESV] 9 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. 10 **For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory,** should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. **That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,** 12 saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” 13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” 14 **Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ...** 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Our Father, mostly the OT Believer’s (Jews) refrained from intimate use of the term, although they did use it some! They would instead speak of Gods Friend, Their father; Abraham! As their Father! **Direct Address vs. Description:** Some scholars note that while ancient Jewish literature frequently *spoke of* God's fatherhood or addressed Him as "Our Father in Heaven" communally, intimate or casual direct address using the standalone Aramaic term *Abba* in daily individual prayer was less common than formal titles like *Adonai* (Lord)

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/661604/jewish/Do-we-see-Gd-as-our-Father.htm

[Isa 63:16 ESV] 16 For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

[Isa 64:8 ESV] 8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

[Mat 3:9 ESV] 9 And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

[Mar 11:10 ESV] 10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

[Luk 1:73 ESV] 73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

[Luk 3:8 ESV] 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

[Jhn 4:12 ESV] 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

[Jhn 8:39, 53 ESV] 39 They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, ... 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

[Act 4:25 ESV] 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

[Act 7:2 ESV] 2 And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

[Rom 4:12 ESV] 12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

[Jas 2:21 ESV] 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

*If God doesn't discipline you as He does all of His children,
it means that you are illegitimate and
are not really His children at all.*

~ [Hebrews 12:8](#) (nlt)

*... Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication;
we have one Father—God."*

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, You would love Me...

'You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.'

~ [John 8:41, 42, 44](#) (nkjv)

[Mat 12:50 ESV] 50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

[1Pe 1:3-5 ESV] 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.



Jean Amilcar (c. 1781–1796) was the adopted son (foster child) of King [Louis XVI](#) and Queen [Marie Antoinette of France](#).^[1]

Jean Amilcar was from [French Senegal](#). He was enslaved as a child and then bought from local slavers by the French official [Chevalier de Boufflers](#), who wished to spare him the [deadly transatlantic crossing](#).^[2] When Chevalier de Boufflers returned to France in 1787, he brought with him Amilcar, and presented him to the Queen, Marie Antoinette, as a 'gift'.^[1]

The Queen had him [manumitted](#), baptised and adopted; That is, he became her foster child. He was not the first child taken in as a foster child by Marie Antoinette. In contrast to the Queen's other foster children [Armand Gagné](#), [Ernestine Lambriquet](#), and ['Zoë' Jeanne Louise Victoire](#), he was not kept at court. The Queen, at her own expense, had him placed in a boarding school at Saint-Cloud. Marie Antoinette kept paying for him even after the outbreak of the [French Revolution](#) of 1789, and he remained at the boarding school.

Jamie Foxx, Steve jobs, Faith Hill, John Lennon, Larry Ellison, Marilyn Monroe

Colin Kaepernick was adopted -In interviews promoting the book, he stated that while he knew his parents loved him, they still engaged in "problematic" behaviors and occasionally "perpetuated racism" through racial insensitivity or ignorance

"Wherefore thou art
NO MORE a servant,
but a son;

"And if a son, then an
heir of God through
Christ." Galatians 4:7

[Gal 4:7 ESV] 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Inheritance!

- Ephesians 1:3 - ...Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
- Ephesians 1:14 – who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. ...

[Act 7:5 ESV] 5 Yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him as a possession and to his offspring after him, though he had no child.

[Act 20:32 ESV] 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

[Gal 3:18 ESV] 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

[Eph 1:14, 18 ESV] 14 **who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.** ... 18 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,

[Eph 5:5 ESV] 5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

[Col 3:24 ESV] 24 **knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.**

[Heb 9:15 ESV] 15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

[Heb 11:8 ESV] 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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Vivian Jenna Wilson, Elon Musk's trans daughter, revealed that she has left the US and is now in Japan, studying languages in Tokyo. The 20-year-old said she is financially independent and does not take money from Elon Musk. An aspiring translator, Viviana said she had not spoken to Musk in the last five years.



Vivian Jenna Wilson said she's not scared of her father Elon Musk.

[Elon Musk](#)'s trans daughter Vivian Jenna Wilson who was Xavier before he came out as a trans person revealed that she now lives in Tokyo, studying languages hoping to become a translator. In an interview with Teen Vogue, the 20-year-old daughter who squirms at the mention of her father said she is not dependent on Elon Musk financially. She said she has not spoken with Musk whom she called a "pathetic man-child" in the last five years.

Her connection with her father is that she gets to read about Elon Musk on her social media feeds and denounce them. She has not only left the US, she has also left X, the social media platform her father owns and denounced her father on Threads and Bluesky.

Yes, Elon Musk's estranged biological daughter, Vivian Jenna Wilson, legally changed her name and declared that she no longer wishes to be related to him. [1, 2]

The Legal Severance

In 2022, Vivian (formerly Xavier Alexander Musk) filed a petition in Los Angeles County Superior Court to change both her name and gender.

Court documents stated she no longer lives with or wishes to be related to her biological father "in any way, shape or form"

What will we Inherit?

- A Mansion/Castle, a Home, Eternal dwelling places!
- Pearly gates and Streets of Gold – Opulent Glory!
- Forever Joy – Utopia, Heaven, No mores! (tears, pain...)
- A Family, a Father and brother and Siblings galore
- A Promise, Galatians 3:18 children of faith, not flesh
- Redemption of our bodies! Romans 8:23, no more groaning
- Glorification! Eternal sinlessness, holy! Inability to sin

[Gal 3:18 ESV] 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

[Rom 8:23 ESV] 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

[Rom 4:13-14, 16 ESV] 13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... 16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

[Mic 7:18-20 ESV] 18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Gal 4:21-31 Isaac, not Ishmael

God's Eternal Purpose In Ephesians Chapter One

New meaning to the Purpose Driven life!

To the Praise of HIS Glorious Grace! Exaltation! Worship! Loving God forever!

[Eph 1:6 ESV] 6 to **the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

[Eph 1:12, 14 ESV] 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to **the praise of his glory**. ...

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, **to the praise of his glory**.

Predestination means

- Perseverance of the Saints – an Olive tree, Vine, an Ant
- Preservation – Jesus' Hands, wrapper In Father's (John 10)
- Eternal Security – God Swore! Hebrews 6! An Anchor/storm
- Once saved – Always Saved. (Romans 8:1, 31-39; Ephesians 5:25)
- Assurance – When we have sinned, focus on His love!

Once Again we address a Doctrine that evokes deep passions, debate and divisions
Any doctrine can be distorted, perverted and abused. In fact, ever single one has been!

Perseverance focuses on our allegiance and Loyalty to Christ! Nothing will stop us! No one questions Satan's unchangeableness or purpose! Isn't ours more noble?!! Cockroach or Salmon?! Weed or Rose? Daisy - Love me/Love me nots! Our Salvation is the Work of God from beginning to End, He doesn't Quit!! We persevere b/c we are driven by his Love!!!! You are the reason!
[Jas 1:12 ESV] 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Preservation – Jesus said over my dead body, My Fathers hands and the Holy Spirits Power! We are to be preservatives! Salt! can't spoil! Avocado/Bananas or Twinkies

Eternal Security – He's got me! Net under the bridge! [Eph 5:25 ESV] 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her," Not conditional! Permanent love that perseveres!

[2Pe 2:7 ESV] 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

[Heb 11:32 ESV] 32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets–

Assurance: 1Jo 5:13 ESV] 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

[Psa 51:11-12 ESV] 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Preservation : God Keeps His Promises! And HE Keeps us, doesn't throw us away! We are His children

[Jde 1:23-24 ESV] 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. 24 **Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,**

[Psa 121:7-8 ESV] 7 **The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

[Jhn 10:28-29 ESV] 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Eternal Security – Salvation is a GIFT!!

[Rom 3:24 ESV] 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

[Rom 5:17 ESV] 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

[Rom 6:23 ESV] 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Eph 1:13 ESV] 13 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,

[Eph 4:30 ESV] 30 And do not grieve **the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** [Eph 1:13-14 ESV] 13 **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, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

[2Ti 1:9, 12 ESV] 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ... 12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

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Calum Scott - You Are The Reason

Love Song by Third Day with lyrics

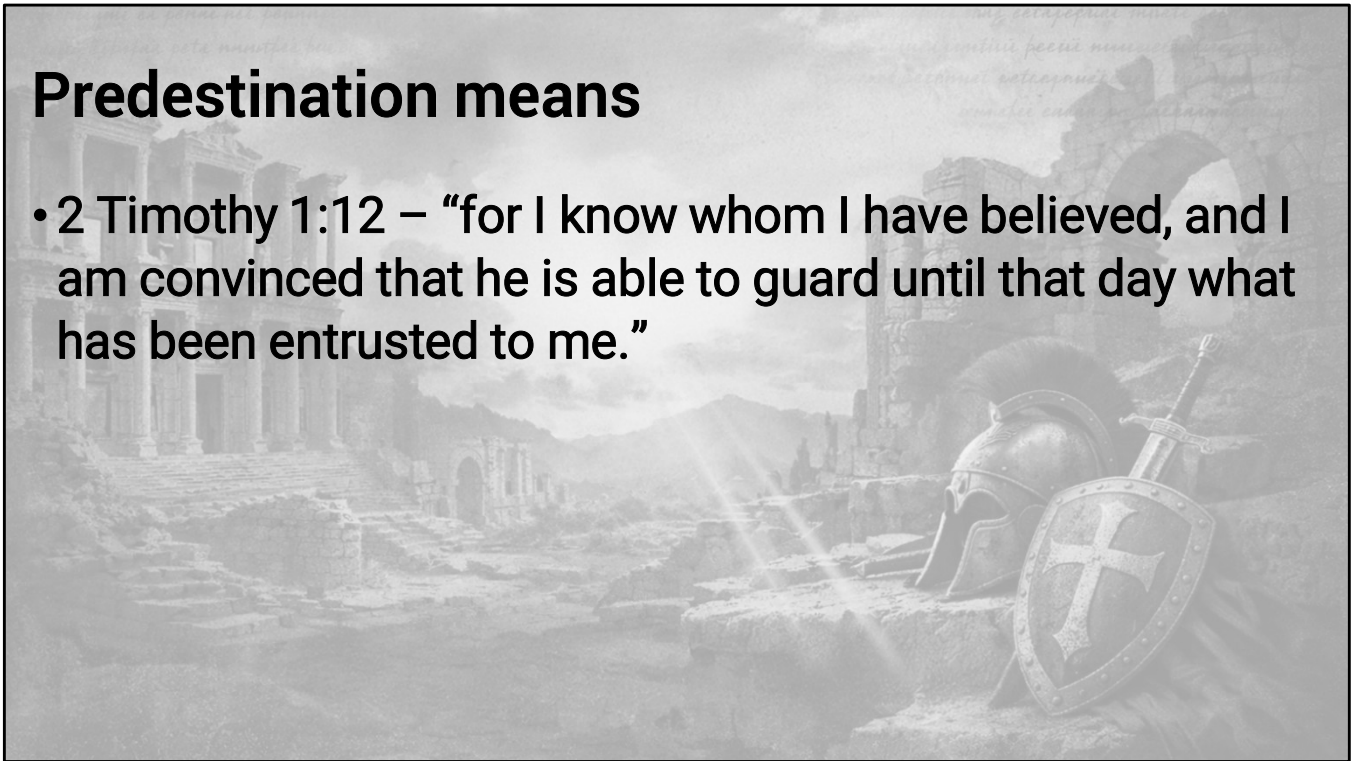
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• [Love Song By Third Day \(With Lyrics\)](#) Love Song (by Third Day) Well I've heard it said, that a man would climb a mountain Just to be with the one he loves How many times has he broken that promise It has never been done. Well, I never climbed the highest mountain But I walked the hill of calvary Chorus: And just to be with you, I

would do anything There's no price I would not pay, no. And just to be with you, I would give everything And I would give my life away, yeah__. And I've heard it said that a man would swim the oceans Just to be with the one he loves. But all of those dreams, are an empty emotion. It can never be done. Well, I never swam the deepest ocean But I walked upon the raging sea. Chorus: And just to be with you, I would do anything There's no price I would not pay, no. And just to be with you, I would give everything And I would give my life away. Yeah__. (Bridge) And I know that you don't understand the fullness of My love How I died upon the cross for your sin. And I know that you don't realize how much that I give you And I promise, well I would do it all again. Chorus: And just to be with you, I've done everything There's no price I did not pay, no. And just to be with you, I gave everything Yes, I gave My life away, yeah__. I gave My life away, yeah And just to be with you. Oh, just to be with you. Oh, just to be with you. Oh, just to be with you.

Predestination means

- 2 Timothy 1:12 – “for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.”





The symbols of our Faith

1. A Birth Certificate- "Born again" (from above), a second time. Not a 3rd, 4th, 5th...Jn.3, Heb.2:5-18, 12:4-11,
2. A Wedding Ring- God hates Divorce and Displays Reconciliation! Jer.3:1, 8, Isa.50:1, Hosea, The Church is the Bride of Christ! Jesus promised "Never" to forsake her! For better for worse! Eph.5, Rom.9-11 God still loves and will redeem Israel after all her adulteries.
3. An Anchor - God cannot lie and He promised you unconditional redemption. Heb.6 If you can lose your salvation then God is a liar and Doesn't keep His Promises. Titus 1:2
4. A Tree/Vine. The Fruit reveals the root! Our actions don't make us, they reveal us. An apple tree was always an apple tree! Mt.7:15-23, 12:30-37, Ja.3:9-18. It's similar to a Pregnancy test, the test doesn't make you pregnant, and it only tells if you are. But it is not perfect; sometimes it is a false positive.
5. A Rod- He only disciplines His own! If your sin can separate you from Him then you are no longer His. When He disciplines me it is proof I sinned and still I am His! Heb.12, 1 Cor.11
6. A Shingle/An Attorney- When I sin, My Advocate! 1 Jn.1-2
7. A King's Document Seal- Jn.6:27, Eph.1:32, 4:30, 2 Cor.1:22, 2 Tim.2:19, Rev.5:1-5, 7:3

Accepted in the Beloved, “Be Loved”!

- Matthew 3:17 – “and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (12:18)
- Matthew 17:5 – a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”
- Colossians 1:13 – “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son” (I John 3:2, 4:11)

Strong's Number **G25** matches the Greek ἀγαπάω (*agapaō*), which occurs 143 times in 110 verses in the **MGNT Greek**.

ἀγαπάω

BE Loved!

[Rom 9:25 KJV] 25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved,[G25] which was[G25] not beloved.[G25]

[Eph 1:6 KJV] 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.[G25]

[Col 3:12 KJV] 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved,[G25] bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

[1Th 1:4 KJV] 4 Knowing, brethren beloved,[G25] your election of God.

[2Th 2:13 KJV] 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved[G25] of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

[Jas 2:5 KJV] 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love[G25] him?

[1Jo 4:7, 11 KJV] 7 Beloved, let us love[G25] one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth[G25] is born of God, and knoweth God. ... 11 Beloved, if God so loved[G25] us, we ought also to love[G25] one another.

[Rev 20:9 KJV] 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved[G25] city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

[Mat 12:18 ESV] 18 "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well

pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

[Mat 17:5 ESV] 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

[Psa 2:7 ESV] 7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

[Mar 1:11 ESV] 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

[Mar 9:7 ESV] 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

[Luk 3:22 ESV] 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

[Luk 9:35 ESV] 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

[Col 1:13 ESV] 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

[2Pe 1:17 ESV] 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"

[1Jo 2:7 ESV] 7 Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

[1Jo 3:2, 21 ESV] 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ... 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;

[1Jo 4:1, 7, 11 ESV] 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ... 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ... 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



For if while we
were enemies
we were
reconciled to
God by the
death of his Son,
much more, now
that we are
reconciled, shall
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his life.

- Romans 5:10-11 -

Behold, what
manner (kind,
great) of love
the Father hath
bestowed
(lavished) upon
us, that we
should be called
the sons of God

- 1 John 3:1-2 -

ADOPTING YOUR enemy
Ephesians 1:5-6 & Romans 5:10

Behold
Bestowed – lavished NIV
Bewildered
Beloved!

[Rom 5:10-11 ESV] 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

[Eph 2:1-2, 12, 19 ESV] 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ... 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ... 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

[Eph 4:18 ESV] 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

[Col 1:21-23 ESV] 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Predestined to BE LOVED and Be like Him!

- Romans 8:35 – Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- Romans 8:37 – No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Overcomers!)
- Romans 8:38-39 – For I am sure...Nothing! will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

[Rom 8:29 ESV] 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ...

[Rom 8:30-39 ESV] 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"By perseverance the snail reached the ark"
~ Charles H. Spurgeon



PERSEVERANCE

REFORMED SPIRIT



THE DENIAL OF THE DOCTRINE OF
PERSEVERANCE VIRTUALLY MAKES THE
SALVATION OF MAN DEPENDENT ON THE
HUMAN WILL RATHER THAN ON THE
GRACE OF GOD.

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The saints shall persevere
in holiness, because God
perseveres in grace.

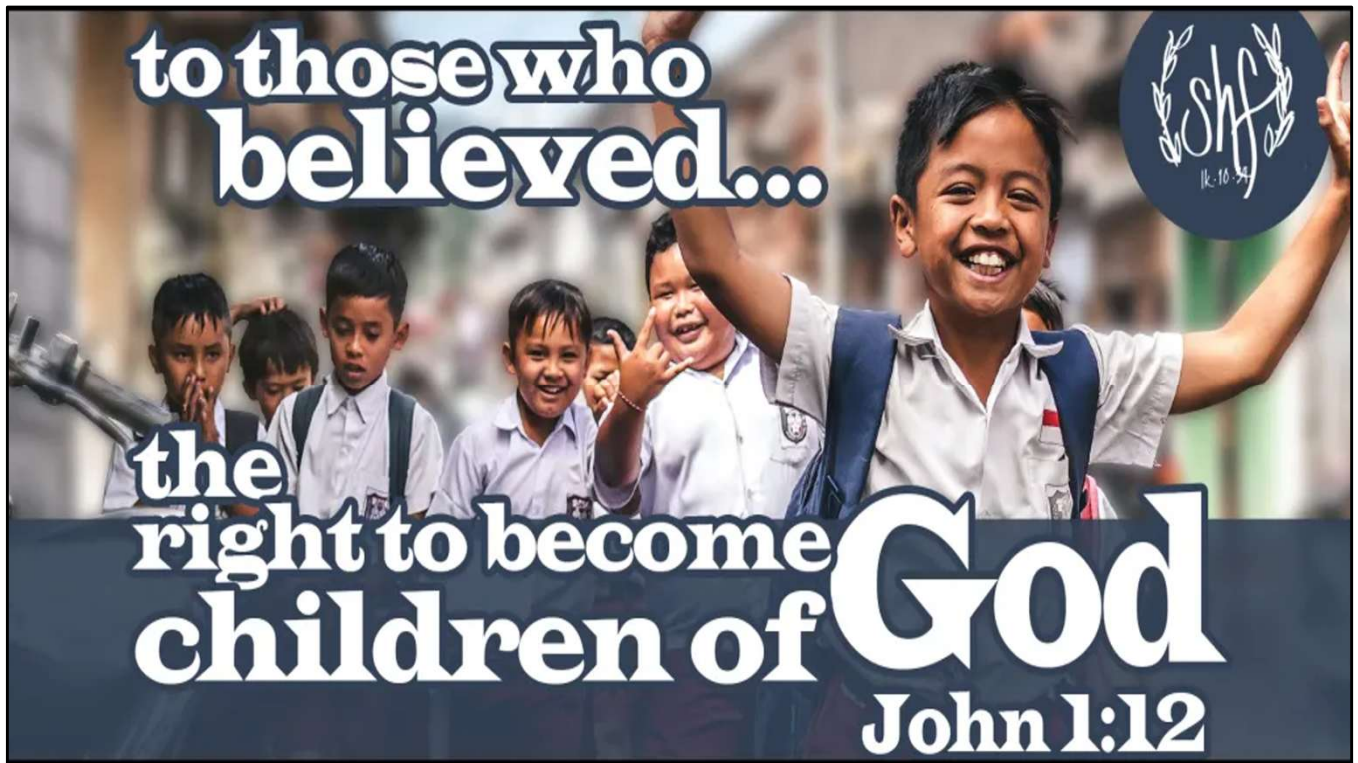
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[Phl 1:6 ESV] 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

A photograph of two young children, a girl on the left and a boy on the right, holding hands. The girl has dark hair in a bun and is wearing a blue dress. The boy has curly dark hair and is wearing a grey shirt. They are standing in front of a dark, textured background that looks like a wall or a forest. The text is overlaid on the image in a white serif font.

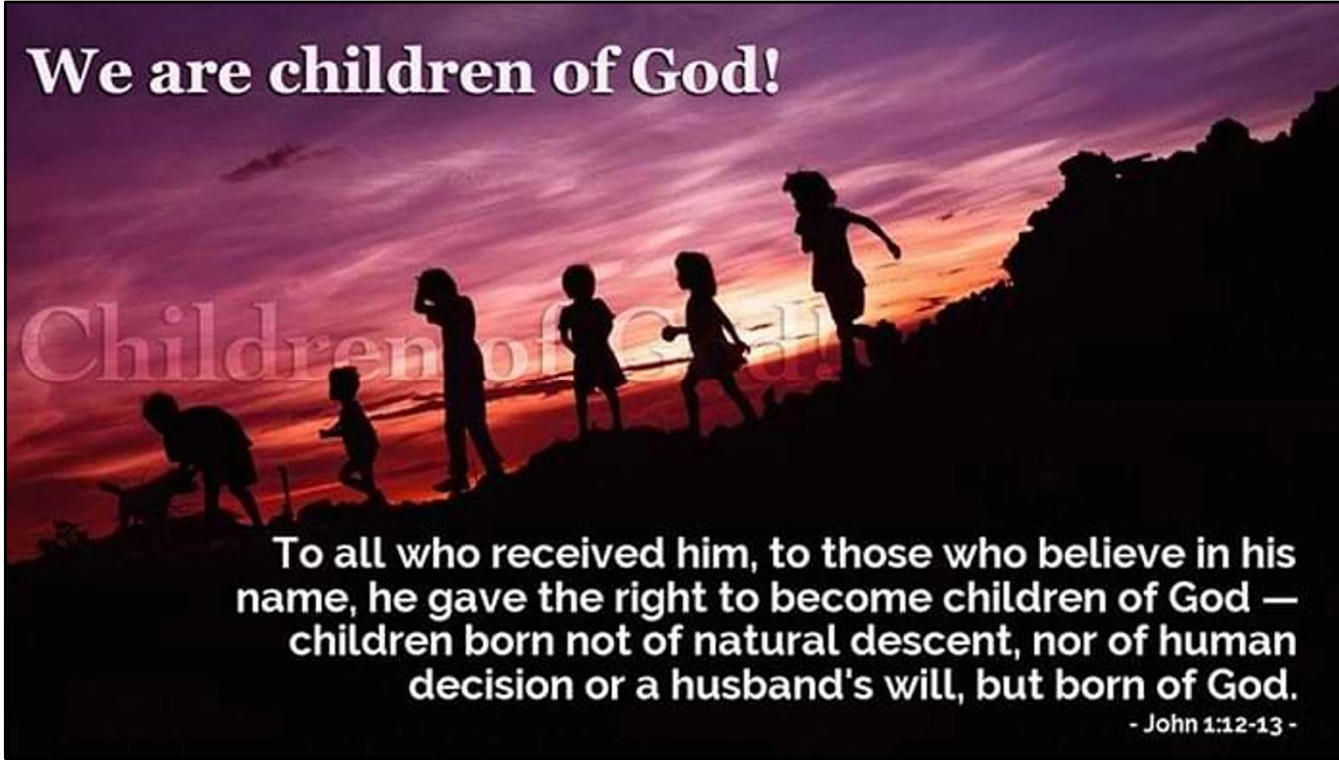
But to all who did receive him, who
believed in his name, he gave the
right to become children of God.



A sunset scene with silhouettes of a family and a tree. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark brown. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a family (two adults and two children) are visible on the left, and a large, leafless tree is on the right. A wooden bench is in the middle ground. The text is overlaid on the sky.

FOR ALL WHO ARE LED
BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
are children of God.

ROMANS 8:14

A photograph showing the silhouettes of six children running up a grassy hill. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with shades of orange, red, and purple. The children are in various stages of their run, moving from left to right across the frame. The overall mood is joyful and hopeful.

We are children of God!

To all who received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

- John 1:12-13 -

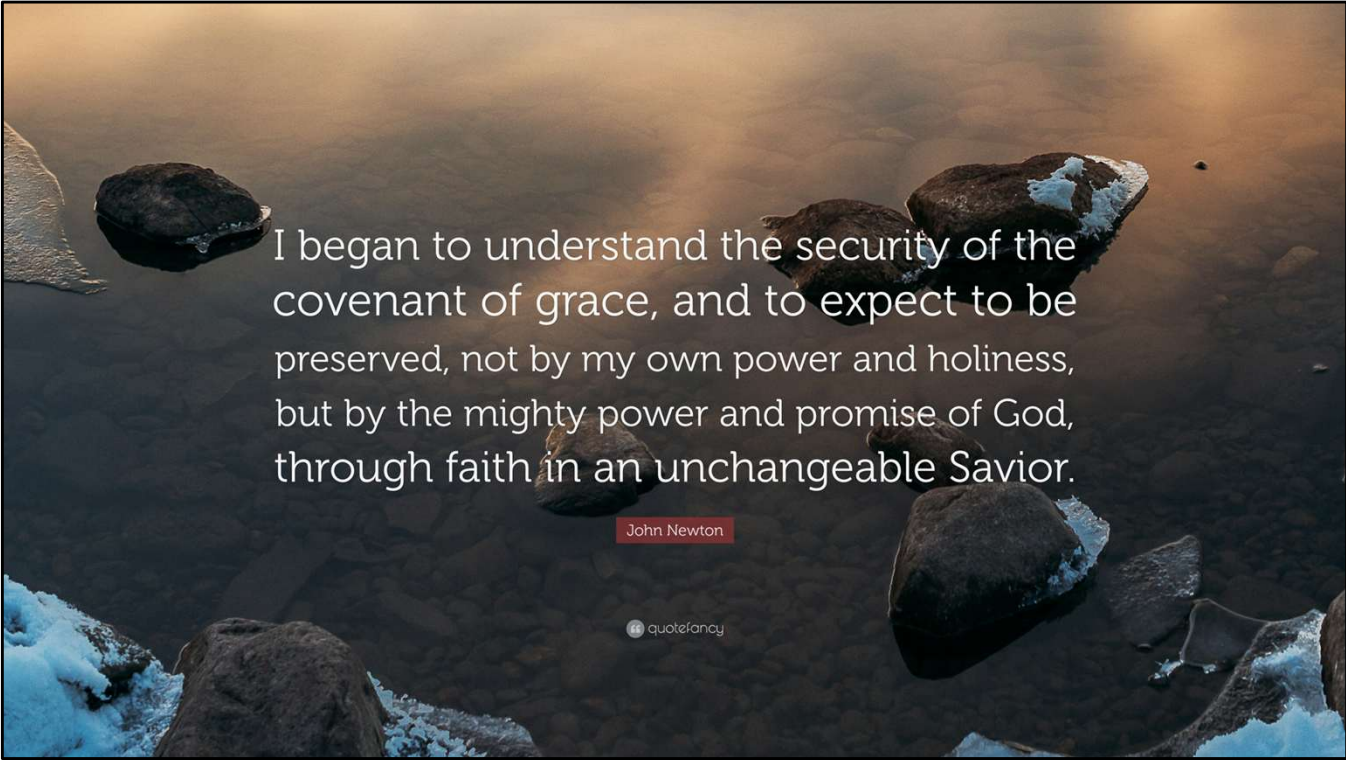


ROMANS 8:16-17

**THE SPIRIT HIMSELF
TESTIFIES WITH OUR SPIRIT
THAT WE ARE
GOD'S CHILDREN.**

**NOW IF WE ARE CHILDREN,
THEN WE ARE HEIRS
HEIRS OF GOD
AND CO-HEIRS
WITH CHRIST.**

**IF INDEED WE SHARE IN HIS SUFFERINGS
IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ALSO
SHARE IN HIS GLORY.**



I began to understand the security of the covenant of grace, and to expect to be preserved, not by my own power and holiness, but by the mighty power and promise of God, through faith in an unchangeable Savior.

John Newton

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a golden key. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gripping the key's bow. The key is a simple, ornate design. The background is a solid dark color, creating a high contrast with the hand and the key.

Reclaiming Your Inheritance

The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him.
Ephesians 1: 14

1 John 3:1
**Behold
what manner
of love
the Father
has bestowed
on us,
that we
should be
called
children
of God.**

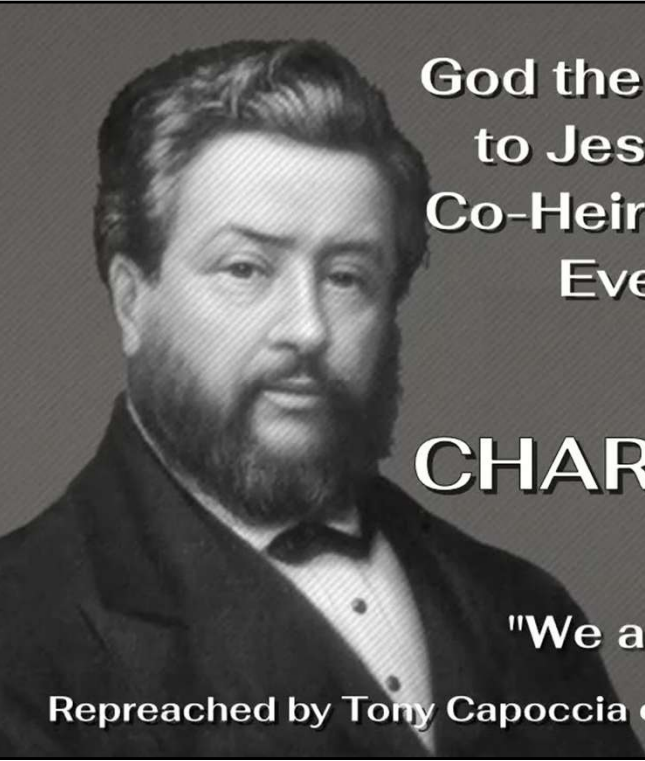
Behold
Bestowed - lavished
Bewildered
Beloved!



ROMANS 8:17

JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST;
if it so be that we
SUFFER WITH HIM
that we may be also
GLORIFIED TOGETHER

COME FOLLOW UP

A black and white portrait of Charles Spurgeon, a man with a full beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a bow tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

God the Father Gave Everything
to Jesus, and Since We Are
Co-Heirs with Christ, We Inherit
Everything with Christ

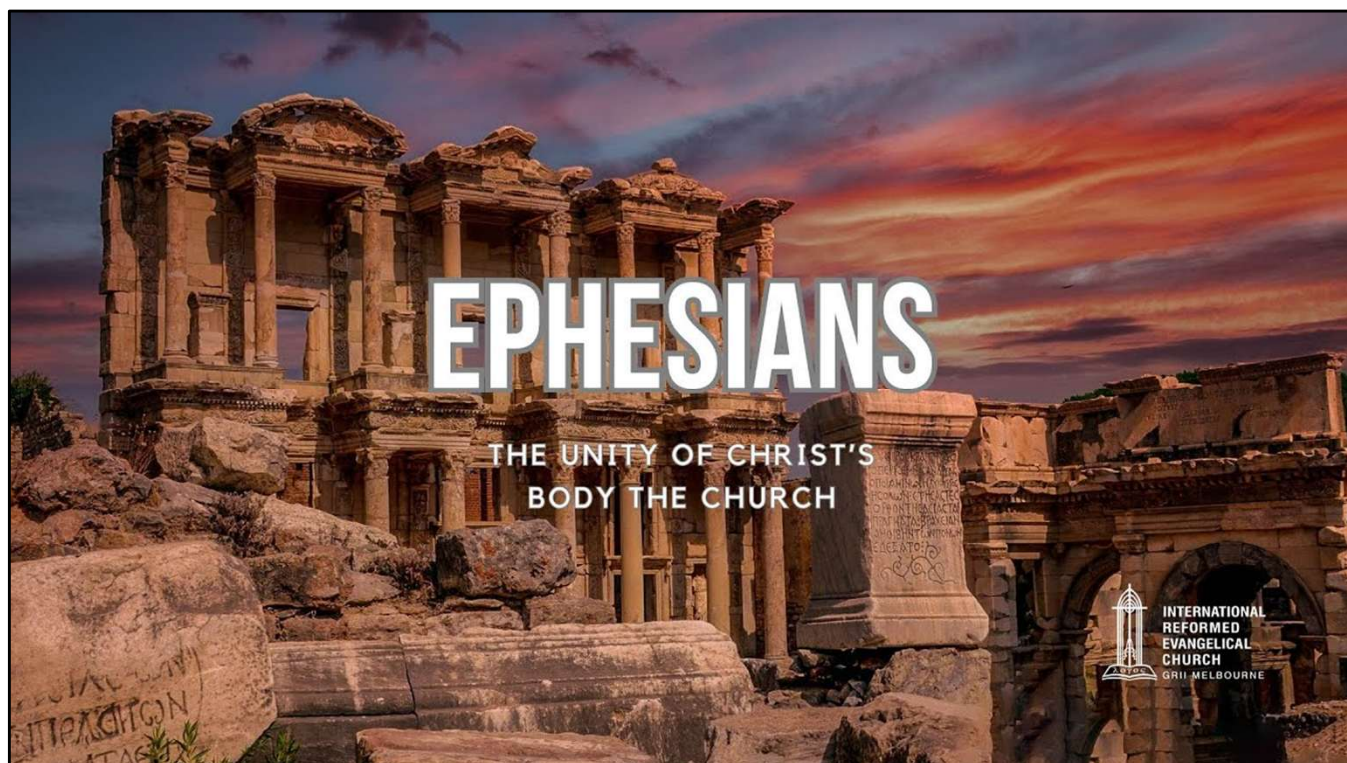
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CHARLES SPURGEON

1834 - 1892

"We are Co-Heirs with Christ"

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EPHESIANS

THE UNITY OF CHRIST'S
BODY THE CHURCH



INTERNATIONAL
REFORMED
EVANGELICAL
CHURCH
GRII MELBOURNE

HEIRS & JOINT-HEIRS

UNDERSTANDING OUR INHERITANCE RIGHTLY DIVIDED

ROMANS 8:17 • TITUS 3:7 • EPHESIANS 1:11

RIGHTLY DIVIDE – 2 TIM. 2:15

ISRAEL'S INHERITANCE



LAND, LAW, KINGDOM
MATT. 5:5, GEN. 17:8

OUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST



HEAVENLY PLACES,
ETERNAL LIFE
EPH. 1:3, COL. 1:12

✓ You are a child
of God by faith

✋ You **are joint-heir**
with Christ

💰 You inherit
freely by grace

🔥 Suffering now –
glory later (Rom. 8:15)

**“THAT BEING JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE, WE
SHOULD BE MADE HEIRS ACCORDING TO
THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.”**
– Titus 3:7

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH • 2 TIMOTHY

Ordo Salutis

“Ordo salutis” is Latin for “the order of salvation,” which refers to the sequence of conceptual steps involved in the salvation of the Christian. The sequence is meant to be logical instead of Chronological, since these occur sequentially while others occur instantaneously. What follows is a classically Reformed understanding of the way in which God saves his people.

Start Begin at the bottom.

Glorification

God will finally bring all those who have been chosen and given a resurrection body.

Perseverance

All those who are justified will be kept by God's power and grace until Christians to the end of their lives.

Sanctification

A progressive “working out of God” that leads to a more Christ-like character.

Adoption

When God adopts us, we become His children and heirs of His glory.

Justification

When God declares us righteous, we are forgiven of all our sins and are made right with Him.

Conversion

We turn from our sin and turn to God, responding to His call to salvation.

Regeneration

God creates new life in us, making us able to respond to His call.

Calling

God summons people to Himself through the human proclamation of the gospel to those who are called.

Election

Before creation, because of His sovereign will, God chooses some people to be saved.

Recommended Resources:
Reformed Theology: A Beginner's Guide
by James D. G. Dunn
The Christian's Guide to the Bible
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ORDO SALUTIS

"The Order of
Salvation"

ELECTION // 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Ephesians 1:3–4

THE GOSPEL CALL // Romans 10:14–15

REGENERATION // John 3:3–8

CONVERSION // James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23

JUSTIFICATION // Romans 5:1–10

ADOPTION // Romans 8:15

SANCTIFICATION // 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

PERSEVERANCE // 1 John 2:19

 **GLORIFICATION** // 1 Corinthians 15:12–14; Romans 8:23–25, 30