

Ephesians 1:11-14 | Chosen to inherit

1. Our inheritance planned (11-12)

Chosen as heirs (11a)

Especially thinking of Jews as the first to believe but “also” means it was for the gentiles too!

According to the plan of God (11)

God decided the gospel would start with the Jews

For the praise of God (12b, 14b)

God executed his plan for our good and ultimately for his praise and glory

The goal of salvation and the best response to salvation is the praise and glory of God

God’s sovereign power – all things

God’s sovereign purpose – praise and glory

2. Our Inheritance Experienced

We become part of God’s people by believing the message

Having believed we receive the Holy Spirit (sequence sometimes debated – result the same)

There is no separate experience for Christians when they receive the Holy Spirit

We experience belief followed by new life and new fruit

Seal

Official stamp of authenticity and ownership

Assures us – we are owned and loved

Deposit

Down payment from God that the inheritance is coming!

Tells us the inheritance is bigger and better than our present experience

All for his praise and glory