

Blessings Involving the Father



READ IT:

⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

EPHESIANS 1:4-6

The main point: For reasons known only to Himself, God has *chosen, predestined, and accepted* those who believe in Christ.



EXAMINE IT:

Observation—What do I see?

- Any repeated words? _____
- Who is the subject? _____
- Who is the object? _____
- What are the action verbs? _____
- What are the conjunctions? _____
- Any purpose clauses ("so that")? _____
- Any commands? _____



OUTLINE IT:

Structure/Bones—What are the important markers?

A. Believers are *chosen* by God. (v.4)

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1. The *"time"* of this choice—"*...before the foundation of the world...*"
2. The *"purpose"* of this choice—"*...that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love*"

B. Believers are *predestined* by God. (vv.5-6a)

⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace,

1. The *subjects* of God's predestination—"*He predestined us...*"
2. The *purpose* of God's predestination—"*...to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself...*"
3. The *basis* of God's predestination—"*...according to the kind intention of His will,*"
4. The *response* to God's predestination—"*...to the praise of the glory of His grace...*"

C. Believers are *accepted* by God. (v.6b)

⁶ which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1. The *meaning* of acceptance—"*...which He freely bestowed on us...*"
2. The *basis* on which we are accepted—"*...in the Beloved.*"



UNDERSTAND IT:

Interpretation—What does it mean?

Key words and theological and practical uses

What are the key words and why do they matter?

What is the key doctrine(s) and what other passages support it?

What are the uses of this doctrine in everyday life?



APPLY IT:

Choose which applications apply and how you will seek to practice it in your life today.

- What *instruction* does this text reinforce?
- What *error* does this text refute?
- What *duty* does this text require?
- What *prohibition* does this text forbid?
- What *examination* does this text call for?
- What *commitment* does this text declare?
- Is there an *example* to follow?
- Are there *commandments* to obey?
- Are there *errors* to avoid?
- Are there *sins* to forsake or confess?
- Are there *promises* to claim?
- Are there *principles* to implement?
- Are there *temptations* to resist?
- Are there *praises* to render?
- Are there *attitudes* to adjust?

Write it here: (bring it back with you next week to see if you applied it—I double-dog dare you!)

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