

Predestination

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 14

Ephesians 1:5a

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⁴ because He chose us
¹ to be in Him
² before the foundation of the world,
³ for us to be holy and blameless before Him
in love,
⁵ predestining us
unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself,
in accord with the good pleasure of His will,
⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us
in the Beloved One... [DJP]

Introduction:

I. _____ What?

A. The Word “Predestine” [*proorizō*]

1. *Proorizō* is *pro* (pre-, beforehand) + *horizō* (mark off by boundaries; determine, appoint, designate)
2. Used of events/things:
Acts 4:27–28
1 Corinthians 2:7
3. Used of persons:
Romans 8:29–30
Ephesians 1:5
Ephesians 1:11

B. The Context

C. The Meaning

1. Popular view: predestined/elected according to foreknowledge (--defined as awareness of events or choices in advance)
 - a. Basis:
Romans 8:29a
1 Peter 1:1–2
 - b. Statement:
 - c. Problem:
 - i. First: wrong *object*
 - ii. Second: wrong *meaning*

2. The better meaning is...

Amos 3:2

Matt. 7:22-23

II. To What? “Adoption as Sons...to Himself”

A. P_____ E_____

1. The notion

2. The reality

John 1:12

John 8:44

Eph 2:3

B. Predestined Effect

III. On What Basis? “through Jesus Christ”

A. Christ Frees Us

John 15:19

John 17:6

Ephesians 1:7

B. Our Adoption Is In and Through Christ

John 1:11–13

Galatians 3:26

C. The Difference It Makes

1. Is this _____?

2. Is this _____