

Predestined to Privilege as Sons Ephesians 1:5-6

I. Introduction

II. Mode: God Has Predestined You. v. 5a

A. Predestine means to determine beforehand. (1:5, 11; Acts 4:28; Rom. 8:29-30)

B. The doctrine of predestination is a comfort to Christians.

III. Motive: God Has Predestined You in Love. v. 4c-5a

A. The disposition of the Father's heart is welfare toward His children. (Jn. 15:13, Eph. 2:4-5)

B. The church at Ephesus found renewed strength from these truths. vv. 13-14 (Ps. 73:17)

IV. Manner: God Predestined You to Adoption into His Family. v. 5b

A. We have a privileged position as sons/daughters through adoption. (John 1:12; Rom 8:15, 23)

B. You are now able to address the God of the universe as "Father." (Rom 8:17)

V. Means: God Predestined You to Adoption Through Jesus Christ. v. 5b, 6b

A. It is His mediation that is the effective means. (Eph. 2:2-3, Heb. 10:14)

B. He freely "graced us" with His grace in the Beloved. v. 6b (Jn. 17:23, Rom. 8:32)

VI. Method: God Predestined You According to the Pleasure of His Will. v. 5c

A. The Father finds delight in imparting riches to His children. (Rom 8:29, Ez. 18:23, 33:11)

VII. Manifestation: God Predestined You to the Praise of the Glory of His Grace. v.6

A. His glorious grace is being magnified!

VIII. Conclusion / Application (Jn. 5:30; 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Peter 5:7, 2:9)