

EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 1:11-13

Ephesians 1:11-12

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, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

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.

Ephesians 1:11

¹¹ In him **we** have obtained an inheritance,

The Greek word *eklerothemen*, "obtained an inheritance" means "**chosen**"

¹¹ ... Having been **predestined**

To predetermine, Decide beforehand, God decreeing from eternity

Ephesians 1:11

¹¹ ... according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

according to (divine) purpose, of the one energizing all things according to the counsel arising from His will.

This verse contains one of the strongest statements in Scripture that **God is sovereign** (cf. Ps. 115:3; Prov. 16:9, 33; Dan. 4:34-35). God is sovereign over "all things": "according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will." This includes the **election of some people to salvation**. - (Dr. Thomas Constable)

Ephesians 1:12

¹² so that **we** who were the first to hope in **Christ** might be to the praise of his glory.

The Jews (“we”) were first to put their trust (“hope”) in Jesus Christ

Acts 3:25-26

Romans 1:16

Ephesians 1:12

¹² so that **we** who were the first to hope in **Christ** might be to the **praise of his glory**.

*Verse 6: “To the **praise of his glorious grace**.”*

*Verse 12: “so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the **praise of his glory**.”*

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

Ephesians 1:11-12

¹¹ In him **we** [the Jews] have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of **him** who works all things according to the counsel of **his** will, ¹² so that **we** [the Jews] who were the first to hope in **Christ** might be to the praise of **his** glory.

¹³ In **him** **you** [the Gentiles] also, when **you** [the Gentiles] heard the word of truth, the gospel of **your** [the Gentiles] salvation, and believed in **him**, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of **our** [Jews and Gentiles] inheritance until **we** [Jews and Gentiles] acquire possession of it, to the praise of **his** glory.

Ephesians 1:13

¹³ In **him** you also, **when you heard** the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, **and believed in him** ...

V3 – Blessed us in Christ

V4 – Chose us in Christ

V5 – Predestined us for adoption

V7 – In Christ we have redemption

V11 – We are chosen & predestined – to hope in Christ

V13 – **We heard and believed**

**WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO NEVER
“HEARD”?**

DISCUSSION

Pre-destined

1 Peter 1:19-21 “**Christ** ... was foreknown before the foundation of the world...”

Ephesians 1:4 “...he **chose us** in him before the foundation of the world...”

Hebrews 4:3 “...**his** works were **finished** from the foundation of the world.”

1 Peter 2:8 “...They stumble because they **disobey the word**, as they were **destined** to do.”

