

Blessed Be the Father: Part 4 of 4
Ephesians Series

Ephesians 1:7–14

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INTRODUCTION

Review of General arrangement:

Believers should praise (bless) the Father (1:3)

(1) because the Father prepared the inheritance to the Father's glory (1:4–6)

(2) because Christ acquired the inheritance to the Father's glory (1:7–12)

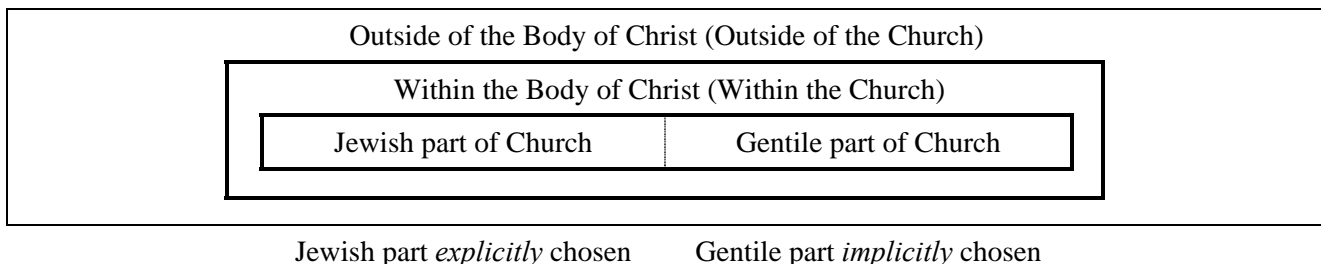
(3) because the Holy Spirit protects the inheritance to the Father's glory (1:13–14)

Review of Exposition:

Vs 3: Believers ought to praise (speak well of) God the Father who has blessed Jewish Church-Age believers first (and also Gentile Church-Age believers)

4–6: [Believers ought to praise the Father] because He chose the Jewish part of the Church (and the Gentile part of the Church) in order that (*because He praiseworthyly predestined the church to become adult heirs*) it will be holy in phase 3

Vs 4a: Choosing took place in Christ.



Vs 4b: [The purpose of God choosing the Jewish part of the Church (& the Gentile part of the Church) is] that the Jewish (& Gentile) part of the Church would be holy in phase 3

Vs 5: [The reason the Jewish (& Gentile) part of the Church would be holy in phase 3 is] because its destiny (by God's freewill) is that it will be adult heirs

Vs 6: [Believers ought to praise the Father because He chose the Church in order that (because He] praiseworthyly [predestined the church to become adult heirs) it will be holy in phase 3]

Exposition

1:7–12: [Bels ought to praise the Father] because Christ graciously redeemed the Church from death
(taking care of a past problem)
 & graciously revealed that Christ will head the universe in the Millennium & made the Church a
 Millennial inheritor in order that Jewish (& Gentile) Church-Age bels would praise the Father
(future motivation)

1:7–9 [Bels ought to praise the Father] because Christ graciously redeemed the Church from death, graciously forgave sins for the Church, and graciously (and of His own free-will) revealed the mystery (His plan for the Church)

Redemption is the mechanism which allowed God to make the Church an inheritor

Forgiveness qualifies the Church to receive the inheritance

He has poured out grace—dealing with past disqualification & future motivation

God graciously revealed the mystery

Mystery = a previously unrevealed truth

Overview of Ephesians 3

1:10–11 [The content of the mystery is that] in the Millennium Christ will head the universe in the Millennium and [in particular] He has made the Church a Millennial inheritor

Dispensation of the fullness of the times = the Dispensation which fulfills the times

Cf. Ephesians 1:21

Cf. Ephesians 2:7

Christ will head up the whole universe [*anakephalaioō*] *kephalē* = head (cf. encephalitis)

The things in heaven = even angelic realms (cf. Eph 1:20–21; 2:2; 6:12)

The things on earth

Verse 10 does not contain anything that was not revealed in the Old Testament

Verse 11 is that part that focuses on new information

Jews [& Gentiles] in-Christ have an allotment (inheritance) under Christ's headship

Ephesians 3:5–6 explicitly regards Gentile inheritance as part of the mystery

1:12 [The purpose for Christ making the Church a Millennial inheritor is in order] that Jewish Church-Age believers would praise the Father

meaning of *we who first hoped in Christ*

we =

first hoped in Christ =

1:13–14: [Bels ought to praise the Father] because the Holy Spirit protects the inheritance of Jews and Gentiles in the Church in order that the Father would be praised

Defining *you*

The presence of an extra *kai* (*and, also*). NKJ, In Him you also *trusted*

The timing of sealing in relation to hearing and believing the gospel

Aorist main verb (*you were sealed*)

Aorist participles (*heard*) and (*believed*)

Option 1: *You were sealed* after *hearing and believing*

Aorist main verb aorist participles

Option 2: *You were sealed* when *hearing and believing*

Aorist main verb aorist participles

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession

Defining *our*

Defining *guarantee*

Our inheritance = what we inherit

Cf. Ephesians 1:18 His inheritance = God's giving of an inheritance

Connecting the dots: the redemption of the purchased possession

The Holy Spirit's purpose for protecting the inheritance

Conclusion and Application