

**God's Glorious
Purposes
Ephesians 1:1-14**

**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God,**

**To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are
faithful in Christ Jesus:**

**2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**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.

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“Fallen man, imprisoned in his own little ego, has an almost boundless confidence in the power of his own will, and an almost insatiable appetite for the praise of his own glory.”

-John Stott

