

## Predestinated According to the Purpose, and Good Pleasure of God's Will

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus). In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him; in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the Word of Truth: the Good-news of your salvation; in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise." (Eph. 1:3-13)

**Predestinated:** from the Greek word ***proorisas*** which means: having-predestined; to predestine, to foreordain, to predetermine. In a contextual sense: to pre-establish, to decide-before-hand: to set the boundaries of salvation even before the foundation (or creation) of the world. The many things that have been predestinated by God for us are often promises revealed in the Word of God spoken, before they happen, by God through the prophets.

**According to:** from the Greek word ***kata*** which means: according-to; in context: all that is predestinated according to the purpose, and good pleasure of God's will.

**Good Pleasure:** from the Greek word ***eudokian*** which means: good-pleasure, goodwill, good-desire, beneficial, delight, satisfaction, pleasing. Similar to, as it says, "Who for the Joy that was set before Him (before Jesus): He endured the Cross!" (Hebrews 12:2)

**Purpose:** from the Greek word ***prothesin*** which means: purpose; proposal, pre-plan, pre-intention. In context: providential care of God; and His preparation for future benefits in and through Christ Jesus: including salvation, redemption, reconciliation, adoption as children of God, Eternal Life, etc....; it is as Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son (Jesus), so that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, those He also called: and whom He called, those He also justified: and whom He justified, those He also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:28-31)

**Will:** from the Greek word ***thelematos*** which means: will; preferred-will, desire, purpose, intention; focusing on the result hoped for! Please consider the following:

Jesus said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him (the Father) who sent Me. And this is the Father's will who has sent Me: that of all whom He has given to Me I should lose none, but should raise them up again at the Last Day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me: that everyone who beholds the Son, and believes on Him, may have Everlasting Life: and I will raise him (them) up at the last day." (John 6:38-40)

**Of Him:** from the Greek word ***autou*** which means: of Him; in context: of God, the Father; who Loves all people, and predestinated all who believe: unto salvation through Jesus' predetermined death on the Cross! As it written:

**"For God (the Father) so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him (in Jesus) should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved."** (John 3:16-17)

Some predestinated things were 'hidden' until the first coming of Christ Jesus. Please consider the following:

"But we speak the Wisdom of God in **a mystery**, even the **hidden Wisdom**, which God **predestined before** the world unto **our glory**; which none of the rulers of this world knew; for had they known it, they would not have crucified **the Lord of Glory (Jesus)**. But as it is written, '*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of men, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him*' (Isaiah 64:4). But God has revealed them unto us **by His Spirit**; for the Spirit searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God**." (1 Corinthians 2:7-10)

"Unto me (the apostle Paul), who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, **that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**; and to make all **men** see what is the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the beginning of the world **has been hidden in God**, who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known through the church the manifold wisdom of God; **according to the eternal purpose** which **He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord**; **in whom** we have **boldness and access with confidence** through the faith of Him." (Ephesians 3:8-12)

"... I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, **to fulfill the word of God**; even **the mystery which has been hidden** from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints (believers); to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the Hope of Glory.**" (Colossians 1:25-27)

Our predestinated salvation, redemption, and adoption as children of God, is altogether founded upon the predetermined and predestinated death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please consider the following:

"And we declare unto you Good-news, **how that the promise** which was made unto the **fathers**, **God has fulfilled that same (promise)** unto us their children, **in that He has raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the second psalm, '**You are My Son, this day have I begotten You**' (Psalm 2:7). And as concerning that **He (God) raised Him** (Jesus) up from the **dead**, now no more to return to decay, He said on this wise, '**I will give you the sure mercies of David**' (Isaiah 55:3). Therefore, He also says in another psalm, '**You shall not suffer Your Holy One (Jesus) to see decay**' (Psalm 16:10). For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep (died), and was laid (in a tomb) unto his fathers, and saw decay. But **He (Jesus)**, whom God raised again, **saw no decay**. Therefore, be it known unto you men and brethren, that **through this Man (Jesus)** is preached unto you **the forgiveness of sins**. And **in Him all** who believe are **justified** from all things, from which you could not be justified in the Law of Moses." (Acts 13:32-39)

"Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conduct received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood (death) of Christ**, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot; who truly was foreknown (in the sense of being foreordained, or predestined for a specific Divine purpose) **before the foundation** of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who through Him do believe in God, **who raised Him up from the dead**, and gave Him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God." (1 Peter 1:18-21)

"You men of Israel, hear these words: **Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God** among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; **Him (Jesus)**, being delivered by **the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God**, you have taken, and by wicked hands have Crucified and slain; whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He (Jesus) should be held of it." (Acts 2:22-24)

**As mentioned above: the things that have been predestinated by God for us are often promises revealed in the prophetic Word of God spoken, before they happen, by God through the prophets. Please also consider the following:**

"Now when they heard this, they were pierced in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?' Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent (turn away from sinfulness), and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." (Acts 2:37-39)

"Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect (believers in Jesus), and the acknowledging of the truth which is according to godliness; in hope of Eternal Life, which God, who cannot lie, promised (and predestinated) **before the world began.**" (Titus 1:1-3)

"Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth**, wherein dwells righteousness. Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless; and account that the long-suffering of our Lord is **Salvation.**" (2 Peter 3:13-15)

## Predestinated According to the Purpose, and Good Pleasure of God's Will

**We were predestinated to be adopted children of the Father through Jesus !!**

**We were predestinated to gain Everlasting Life through Faith in Jesus!!**

**We are predestinated to be raise up again at the Last Day by Jesus !!**

**We are predestinated to receive His Unsearchable Riches !!**

**Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit For our Salvation in You !!**

**Thank You for sealing us with Your Holy Spirit of Promise !!**

**Thank You for conforming us into the image of Jesus !!**

**Thank You Father for our Hope and Faith in Jesus !!**

**Thank You for Your Everlasting Lovingkindness !!**

**All Praise and Glory and to You who Loved us from before the Foundation of the world !**

**Truly Truly ~ Always and Always ~ Amen and Amen**