

## Evangelistic Lesson Training

### **Lesson #2 Foreordination & Predestination The Gospel, The Kingdom/The Church**

- **God's Plan To Save Mankind is an Eternal Plan that existed in His mind before the World of Humankind began.**

- **Questions**

**1) What did God plan before human time?**

- a. Does this mean that humans lack free will?**
- b. Did God plan which individuals would be saved?**
- c. Does God save only those he's chosen in advance?**

**2) Considerations \*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:9**

- a. The freedom of human will**
- b. The specificity of detail in the offer of the gospel**
- c. The role of Love, Grace and Mercy in salvation**
- d. God's will pertinent to the salvation of every human being**

**3) Predestination & Foreordination**

- a. The Gospel – Plan of Salvation**
- b. The Kingdom/The Church \*\* Acts 1:1-3; Acts 8:5; 8:12**

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**1) What did God plan before human time?**

**Ephesians 1:4 <sup>4</sup> According as \*He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world\*, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

**The context is Ephesians 1:1-11**

**<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the \*will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**

- **Writer:** The Apostle Paul
  - An Apostle of Jesus Christ “by the will of God”
- **Primary Recipients:**
  - The saints/members of the church at Ephesus (Gentile Asia Minor)
  - **Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> visit to Ephesus:**
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey Acts 18:18-21**
    - Departed from Corinth with Aquila & Priscilla
    - Entered Jewish synagogue and reasoned with the Jews
    - Denied their request that he stay longer

- Departed to make a feast at Jerusalem
- Promised to return to Ephesus
- Acts 18:24-26 Apollos came to Ephesus
  - Mighty and eloquent in the scriptures
  - Taught in the Jewish synagogues; instructed in the way of the Lord
  - Knowing and teaching only the “Baptism of John”
    - \*Limited knowledge [1<sup>st</sup> century vs. 21<sup>st</sup> century]
  - Aquila and Priscilla expounded unto him \*the way of God more perfectly
- Paul’s 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to Ephesus
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey 54 A.D. Acts 19 [19:1-41]; Departed for Macedonia Acts 20:1
    - 19:1-8
      - While Apollos was at Corinth; Paul encountered disciples who knew only the “Baptism of John”
      - Taught them, baptized them, they were added to the church
      - \* Went into the Jewish synagogue – 3 months
        - Disputing and Persuading things Concerning the Kingdom of God 1:11
    - 19:9-10
      - Departed the synagogue; separated the disciples/church/members of the Kingdom
      - \*Preached from the school of Tyrannus 2 years
      - \*All who dwelt in Asia Minor heard the word of the Lord Jesus
        - \*Both Jews and Greeks/non-Jews/Gentiles

### The saints at Ephesus

- 1:1 Ephesus & and \*all in Asia Minor [\*faithful in Christ Jesus 19:9-10]
  - 1:4 whom God chose before the foundation of the world
  - Were Jews and Gentiles [Acts 19:9-10]
  - 1:5 \*Predestinated to the Adoption of Children
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<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

<sup>4</sup> According as \*he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

<sup>5</sup> \*Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children\* by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

<sup>6</sup> To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

<sup>8</sup> Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; <sup>9</sup> Having made known unto us the \*mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

<sup>10</sup> 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:

<sup>11</sup> In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things \*after the counsel of his own will\*:

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## The Major Emphasis Of “The Kingdom”

- 1<sup>st</sup> Century

- Transition from the Law; Clay Kingdom of Israel

- To the Everlasting Kingdom

- Matthew 16:13-19

- Confusion re: identity of Christ

- Revelatory Truth re: Identity of Christ

- Jesus giving Peter “The Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven”

- Pentecost: Acts 2:36-39

- All the House of Israel; Their Children

- All who are “Afar Off:” [Gentiles/Non-Jews]

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century**
  - **Deemphasis of Teaching regarding “Things Pertaining To the Kingdom”**
  - **Acts 1:1-3**
    - **Jesus 40 days of Infallible Proofs**
    - **Teaching “Things Pertaining To the Kingdom”**
  - **Acts 1:8**
    - **Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Uttermost [Gentiles]**
  - **Acts 8:5-12**
    - **Fulfilling the Evangelistic Directive after Stephen’s martyrdom**
    - **Gospel carried to Samaria; preaching/teaching of Philip**
    - **\*\* 8:12 Preaching the Things Concerning the Kingdom of God**
      - **And the Name of Jesus**
      - **Baptized → Men and Women**

## **Predestination & Foreordination – Foundational Review #2**

### **Ephesians 1:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**

<sup>2</sup> **Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>3</sup> **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

<sup>4</sup> \* **According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

<sup>5</sup> **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will**\*.

### **#3) Predestination & Foreordination**

**c. The Gospel – Plan of Salvation**

**d. The Kingdom/The Church \*\* Acts 1:1-3; Acts 8:5; 8:12**

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## Understanding Predestination & Foreordination is the Functional Context of God's Eternal Plan of Salvation/Scheme of Redemption

- In Paul's epistle to the church at Ephesians
  - 1:4 **God has chosen us** [**Paul – writer**; Church Members at Ephesus and throughout Asia Minor; 1:1 a) **Saints at Ephesus** and b) **faithful in Christ Jesus**]
    - **Special Characteristics of Ephesus & Asia Minor**
      - **Acts 18:18-23 Close/End of Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey**
        - **Departs from Corinth; headed to Antioch in Syria**
        - **Accompanied by Aquila & Priscilla**
        - **Comes to synagogue of 1) reasons with Jews 2) refused Jews request to stay longer 3) determined to make the forthcoming Jewish Feast at Jerusalem**
        - **Promises to return, Lord willing**
        - **Lands at Caesarea by the sea in Palestine**
        - **Salutes the church at Antioch in Syria**
      - **Acts 18:24-28**
        - **Apollos of Alexandria comes to synagogue in Ephesus**
        - **Mighty and eloquent; knowing and teaching only the "Baptism of John"**
          - **→ Primary 1<sup>st</sup> Century Predestination & Foreordination Context: conversion from Judaism/The Law**
          - **Aquila and Priscilla pull Apollos aside and expound teach "The Way of God More Perfectly/Completely"**
          - **\*\* NO Baptisms Converts at Ephesus**
      - **Acts 19:1-10**
        - **Paul returns, came to Ephesus (while Apollos is in Corinth) and found certain disciples who had only been taught the "Baptism of John" [1<sup>st</sup> Century Context]**
        - **Baptized them; 12: Number of Men**
        - **\*\* 19:8 Paul teaches "in the synagogue 3 months**

- Disputing and persuading “**The Things Concerning the Kingdom of God**”
- 19:9-10 [\***Rejection & Acceptance**\*x`]
  - 19:9 Jewish synagogue worshipers a) hearts hardened b) disbelief/unbelief c) spoke evil of “That Way” → including “Things Pertaining To The Kingdom”
  - Those in the Kingdom of Israel/Clay Kingdom [Daniel 2]
  - 19:10 Paul separated the disciples from the Jewish synagogue and taught in the School of Tyrannus 2 years → All dwelling in Asia Minor – Jews and Greeks/Gentiles
    - “heard the word”
- Ephesus
  - Acts 18:18-23 Paul reasoned with the Jews in the synagogues a) no converts/baptisms b) end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey/return to Palestine & Antioch in Syria
  - Acts 18:24-28
    - Apollos boldly teaches “Baptism of John”
    - Taught more perfectly by Aquila and Priscilla
    - Departs to Corinth
    - **Disciples in Ephesus: Synagogue worshipers believing in Jesus who comes after John the Baptist**
  - Acts 19:1-12
    - Church at Ephesus begins with 12 converts
    - 19:10 All in Asia Minor Jews & Greeks/Gentiles “Heard the Word”

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- Acts 1:5 Predestinated to “The Adoption of Children”
  - According to the Predestinated/Foreordained “Pleasure of God’s Will”
- Acts 1:9-11 The Mystery of God’s Will
  - According to His Good Pleasure Purposed in Himself
  - The Church
    - Received an Inheritance
    - Being “Predestinated according to the Purpose of God who works all things according to the “**Counsel of His Own Will**”
      - \*\* Reference Acts 2:23 “The Determinate Counsel and Foreknowledge of God”

### Predestination & Foreordination – Foundational Review #3

#### Summary Components of Predestination & Foreordination

- God chose Us in Him Before the foundation of the world
  - Ephesians 1:4
    - Us → **Jews and Gentiles in Him/God**
      - Epistle to Ephesian Church and all that heard the word in Asia Minor [a) **1<sup>st</sup> Converts: Baptism of John**; b) **Ephesus and All Of Asia Minor: Jews and Greeks**
        - Acts 19:10 All that heard the word in Asia Minor heard the word both Jews and Greeks
          - \*1<sup>st</sup> Ephesian converts: 12 men [19:1-5]
            - Certain disciples
            - Baptized with the Baptism of John
              - Of Repentance
              - Believing on the “coming” Christ Jesus
- **God Predestinated Us to the Adoption of Children**
  - Ephesians 1:5
    - Us → Ephesian and Asia Minor Converts
      - **Jews “Adopted out of the Law”**

- Galatians 4:4-5 “Those Under the Law receive the Adoption of Sons”
- **Gentiles Adopted From**
  - Ephesians 2:11-13
    - Gentiles in the Flesh/Uncircumcision
    - Without Christ
    - Aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel
    - Strangers from the Covenants of Promise
    - Having No Hope/Without God in the World
    - Were Afar off/Now made near by the blood of Christ [
- **\*Predestinated Inheritance: By the Counsel of God’s Own Will**
  - Ephesians 1:11
  - 9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
  - 10 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:
  - 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
    - 1:9 **God made known/revealed the mystery of His will** unto the 1) church at Ephesus and 2) faithful in Christ Jesus in all of Asia Minor
      - The “Mystery of His Will” [3:4-6]
        - 3:5 In other ages not made known ... as it is now revealed to God’s NT apostles and prophets
          - By the Holy Spirit
        - 3:6 Gentiles ▪ 1) Fellowheirs 2) members of the same body 3) partakers of the same promise [as Israel/Abraham’s Promised Seed Nation]
        - 3:9 Fellowship of the Mystery From the beginning of the world/aion
          - From the beginning of the world/aion



- World/Universe/Perpetuity of Human Time/Eternity
  - 1:9 According to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself
  - 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
    - We/Ephesians and Faithful in Asia Minor
      - \*Obtained an Inheritance
      - \*Being Predestinated
        - 1) According to the purpose of Him
        - 2) Who Works all things after the Counsel of His own will
        - 3) Previously Hidden from the Foundation of the World
          - Might be known/revealed by “The Church” \*\* Ephesians 3:8-10
- Ephesians 3:8-10 [Hidden: Predestinated & Foreordained “From The Beginning of the World”
  - 8 Unto me, 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;
  - 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
  - 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places \*\*\*MIGHT BE KNOWN BY THE CHURCH\*\*\* the manifold wisdom of God
    - The Role, Scope & Function of the Church → to make known/reveal the Manifold Wisdom of God.
      - Preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to the Gentiles

- **Make all nations/ethnicities see the “Fellowship of the Mystery”**
    - **Previously “Hidden from the Beginning Of The World”**
      - **In God who created All Things by Jesus Christ**
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## Predestination & Foreordination – Foundational Review #4

### Summary Components of Predestination & Foreordination

**Predestinate/Predestination: Romans 8:28-30 “In Context Of ???”**

**Romans 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> And ***WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.***

<sup>29</sup> For **whom He did foreknow**, **He also did predestinate** to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<sup>30</sup> Moreover **whom He did predestinate**, them **He also called**: and whom he called, them **He also justified**: and whom he justified, them **he also glorified**.

- 1) The general statement, understanding and references
  - a. All things work together for good for them that love God, to them that are called according to His Purpose
  - b. Generally → Everything that happens/transpires in life
- 2) Who does this statement/concept mean/reference in the Context of Paul's Holy Spirit given epistle to the church at Rome
- 3) 8:28 → For “We Know”
  - a. Who is We in the epistle to the Romans/Romans 8?
- 4) 8:29 **Whom God did “Foreknow” He also did “Predestinate”**
  - a. **Foreknow** – [G4267] Proginosko (prog-in-ocē'-ko)
    - i. **To have knowledge beforehand (to foresee)**
    - ii. **To foreknow (ordain)**
    - iii. **To predestinate**
  - b. **Predestinate** – [G4309] Prooizo (pro-or-id'-zo) [from G4253 & G3724]
    - i. **To predetermine, decide before hand**
    - ii. **Of God in the NT – decreeing from Eternity**
    - iii. **To Foreordain, appoint beforehand**

**Context of the Epistle To Rome:**

- Who is the “We” in we know 8:28
- Romans 1:1-3

- **Author Paul** – Called
- Separated unto the Gospel of God
  - Which God promised before by
    - Prophets in the Holy Scriptures
    - Concerning Jesus Christ “Our” Lord
      - Made of the Seed of David according to the flesh
        - Hebrew flesh

**Romans 1:4 Jesus →**

- Declared to be the Son of God with Power
  - By the resurrection from the dead

**Romans 1:7-13**

- 1:13-17 → Fruit among you Romans as “other Gentiles”
  - Ready to preach the gospel to you at Rome also
    - Jews and Gentiles

- Transition from Walking in the Flesh/Law vs. Spirit/Christ Jesus [8:1-10]
- Living & Being Led by The Spirit/Christ vs The Flesh/Law [8:11-14]
- Receiving “Adoption & Heirship” [8:15-19]
- Creature Waiting for and Receiving [8:20-25]
- Foreknowledge & Predestination [8:26-30]