

SIT IN THE FINISHED WORK OF GOD

Ephesians 1:3-14 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. NIV

Have Faith in the Finished Work of God

Ephesians 1:3-6 Praise be to the God and Father... ⁴ For he chose us...

Ephesians 1:7-13a In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood...

Ephesians 1:13b-14 When you believed, you were marked in [Jesus] with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance...

Chosen by God the Father

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Ephesians 1:5 Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) MSG



Redeemed by Jesus the Son

Ephesians 1:7-8a In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. NIV

Redemption means that we were lost, ransomed, and purchased back at a high price—the blood of Christ. We were redeemed from wickedness and sin, the dominion of darkness, and the curse of the law.

Cross references: Luke 1:68, Acts 20:28, Gal. 3:13-14; 4:5, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:13-14, Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:18, Rev. 14:3

We were redeemed according to...
To what degree were we redeemed?

Ephesians 1:7-8 ...we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need... MSG

Sealed by God the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:23b-14 When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. NIV

Ephesians 1:13 It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. MSG

When were we sealed?
When will this seal be broken/opened?

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. NIV

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NIV

God's Share vs. Our Share

He: blessed, chose, predestined, gave, redeemed, forgave, lavished, made known, purposed, put into effect, brought to unity, predestined, planned, worked out, included, marked, guaranteed, possessed.

We: heard, believed

