

**Evangelistic Lesson Training**  
**Foreordination & Predestination**  
**Foundational Concept – What Who & How**

**Predestination & Foreordination, as a component of God’s Eternal Plan To Save Man, can be understood in the Foundational Components of 1) What 2) Who and 3) How.**

- I. What: Predestination & Foreordination**
- II. Who: Hebrew Covenant Nation & All Families/Nations of the Earth**
- III. How: The Adoption of Children**

**I. What: Predestination & Foreordination:**

- **Chosen in God Before the Foundation of the World**

**II. Who: Hebrews/Jews/Israel & All Families/Nations of the Earth**

- **Ephesians 1:4 God Chose “Us” in Him before the foundation of the world**
  - **“Us” – Writer Paul**
    - **Jews & Gentiles at Ephesus and all of Asia Minor**
      - **1:1 Ephesus and faithful in Christ**
    - **Acts 19:1-9 Jews/Hebrews/Baptism of John Converts**
      - **1<sup>st</sup> Converts at Ephesus: 12 certain disciples previously baptized with the “Baptism of John”**
      - **Separation from the Jewish Synagogue**
        - **Paul disputes and persuades concerning “The Kingdom of God for 3 months**
        - **Synagogue worshipers opposition**
          - **Paul removes 12 Christian/New Covenant converts**
          - **Transitions to School of Tyrannus**
    - **Acts 19:9-10 & Ephesians 2:10-12 Greeks/Gentiles**
      - **Acts 19:8-10 Gospel Teaching & Preaching in the School of Tyrannus for 2 years**

- **All in Asia Minor heard the word; both Jews and Greeks/Gentiles**
- **Ephesians 2:10-13** Gentiles at Ephesus and Asia Minor
  - **God's Workmanship/Masterpiece**
    - **Created in Christ Jesus unto "good works to walk in them" "Before/Foreordained"**
  - **Time past/pre-conversion "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**
    - **Previously/Sometime**
      - **Far Off**
      - **Now made near by the blood of Christ**

### **III. How: By the Adoption of Children**

- **Ephesians 1:4-5 Predestination by God unto the "Adoption of Children:**
  - **1:5 Predestinated to the Adoption of Children**
    - **By Jesus Christ to Himself/God**
      - **By the Foreordained "pleasure of His will"**
  - **Jews: Galatians 4:4-5**
    - **God sent His Son Jesus**
      - **Made/Born of a woman**
      - **Made/Born under the Law**
      - **To Redeem those that were under the Law**
        - **Hebrews/Jews/Israel**
      - **That they [Old Covenant Israel] might receive the "Adoption of Sons"**
  - **Gentiles: <sup>5</sup> Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will [Ephesians 1:5]**
    - **Ephesians 2:12 → Were Gentiles in the Flesh**
      - **1:5 Predestinated to the Adoption of Children**

- Ephesians 2:10-13 Time past/pre-conversion “Gentiles in the Flesh”
  - 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
  - Previously/Sometime
    - Far Off
    - Now made near by the blood of Christ
  
- Ephesians 1:9-11 The Predestinated Inheritance “\*\*By the Counsel of God’s Own Will\*\*”
  - 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 works 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” [Ephesians 3:4-5]
      - 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ
      - 5 Which in other ages was \*not made known\* unto the sons of men, \*as it is now revealed\* unto \*His holy apostles and prophets\* \*by the Spirit\*

- 3:5 In other ages \*The Mystery not made known ... AS IT IS NOW REVEALED\* to God's New Testament Apostles and Prophets
    - \*By the Holy Spirit\*
    - \*Old Testament Prophets received the Prophetic Revelation of Salvation for Gentiles\*
- \*New Testament Apostles and Prophets [Ephesians 1:9-11; 3:8-10]
  - Received the Prophetic Revelation:
    - The Mystery of God's Will:
      - According to His Good Pleasure that He
        - That He Purposed in Himself
        - That was Hidden In Him from before the Foundation of the World
          - Revealed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century to His Apostles and Prophets
    - The Predestinated "Inheritance"
      - Obtained by Jews and Gentiles
      - After and according to the Counsel of God's own Will
      - 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
        - "Hidden 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 works 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
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  - 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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# **Summary of Predestination & Foreordination in Paul's Epistle To Ephesus & The Faithful In Christ In All of Asia Minor/Gentiles**

## **1) God chose "Us" in Him Before the Foundation of the World [1:4]**

### **a. Writer: Paul**

#### **i. Apostle of Christ to the Gentiles, Hebrew/Jew**

### **b. Primary Recipients**

#### **i. Church at Ephesus – Primarily Gentiles**

#### **ii. The Faithful In Christ In All of Gentilian Asia Minor**

##### **1. From 2 year Ministry; School of Tyrannus [Acts 19:8-10]**

## **2) Predestinated Us to the "Adoption of Children" [1:5]**

### **a. By Jesus Christ to Himself**

#### **i. Jews: [Galatians 4:1-5]**

##### **1. Christ born of a woman; under The Law**

##### **a. To Redeem Those that were under The Law**

##### **b. That they/Jews might receive "The Adoption of Sons"**

#### **ii. Gentiles: [Ephesians 2:10-13]**

##### **1. Previously**

##### **a. Gentiles in the Flesh/Uncircumcision**

##### **b. Without Christ**

##### **c. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**

##### **d. Strangers from the covenants of promise**

##### **e. Having no hope**

##### **f. Without God in the world**

##### **g. Far Off**

##### **2. Now [Ephesians 1:5]**

##### **a. Predestinated to the "Adoption of Children"**

##### **i. By Jesus Christ unto Himself**

##### **1. According to the Pleasure of His Own Will**

##### **b. "Made Near by the Blood of Christ" [2:13]**

##### **c. No more Strangers and Foreigners; but "Fellowcitizens with the Saints and Of the Household of God"**

## **3) Being Predestinated: "Obtained an Inheritance" [1:11]**

### **a. According to the "Purpose of Him/God"**

#### **i. Who works all things "By the Counsel of His Own Will"**

## *Understanding The Context of Romans 8*

### *The Concept of “All Things Work Together For Good”*

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

**1) Romans 7**

**2) Romans 9**

- **Transition from Walking in the Flesh/Law vs. Walking in the Spirit of Life in 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 Redemption of the Bod [8:20-25]**
- **Foreknowledge & Predestination [8:26-30]**

