

Ephesians 1:4-8

The Berakah details the blessings

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καθως According	εξελεξατο he chooses	ημας us	εν in	αυτω him	προ before	καταβολης down-casting (disruption)
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κοσμου, of system (world)	ειναι to be	ημας us	αγιους holy	και and	αμωμους flawless
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κατενωπιον down in view (in sight)	αυτου of him	εν in	αγαπη, love
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καθως ἐξελέξατο ἡμᾶς ἐν αὐτῷ πρὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου εἶναι ἡμᾶς ἁγίους καὶ ἀμώμους κατενώπιον αὐτοῦ ἐν ἀγάπῃ.

“**According**” *kathos* – means “just as, because” - the blessings of verse 3 are now detailed and expressed more precisely. They were said to be “in Christ”

“**He chose us**” *exekexato* – aorist, indicative, middle of *eklego* which means to choose out, to select.

Linguistic Key says this word form involves three ideas:

- the stem of the word indicates “the telling over”
- the preposition in compound indicates the rejection of some and acceptance of others
- the middle voice indicates the talking to (or, for) himself

“in him” – here it tells us where the choosing was. In verse 3 it told us where the blessing were.

“**down-casting**” or “throwing-down” or “foundation” from *katabolas* (*kata*=down; *bolas*=throw). This refers to creation. The word “before” or *pro* that proceeds it has the meaning of “before the foundations”

“**world**” or “system” or “order” from *kosmou* (possessive of *kosmos*) refers to the world system or the earth.

Now begins to describe in greater detail the “spiritual blessing” in the “heavenlies” that are “in Christ”:

- We are holy *agious*
- We are flawless *amomous* – means “without blame, unblemished; used to refer to the absence of defects in sacrificial animals”

This is all done “in his sight” or “in his view” or “in his opinion”

This is all done “in love” which means for our benefit

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προορισας Before see	ημας us	εις into	υιοθεσιαν place of a son	δια through	ιησου Jesus
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χριστου Christ	εις into	αυτον, him	κατα according to	την the	ευδοκιαν well-seeming (delight)
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του of the	θειληματος will	αυτου, of Him
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προορίσας ἡμᾶς εἰς υἰοθεσίαν διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ εἰς αὐτόν κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ.

“**Before see**” *proorisas* (*pro*=before; *oria*=boundries) means determine before, ordain, predestinate, to limit in advance

“**place of a son**” or “adopted” *huiothesia* (*huios*=son)– used in Romans 8:23; Galatians 4:5 – refers to becoming an adult son, adoption

The third description of the spiritual blessings:

3. In the place of an adult son

Predestination

Volition of Man

- 1) God chose to give man the capacity (and face the responsibility) of free will expressed in making mental decisions
- 2) This made it possible for man to respond to the PLAN of salvation
- 3) God does not forfeit his sovereignty by giving man free will of thought.
- 4) Man may not be able to act on all of his decisions because:
 - a. He does not have the power at one or more levels
 - b. Because God is sovereign He may prevent any of man’s decisions from happening.
 - c. When God prevents man from taking action on his thoughts this does not mean God prevented freewill. Man has his own **will**, but man does not always have his own **way**.
- 5) Calvinism distorts divine sovereignty. Arminianism distorts mans freewill.

Proginosis

“pro” is a preposition that means “before, before hand”

“ginosko” means knowledge

Proginosis means to have knowledge before hand or “foreknowledge”

Pro-horidzo

“pro” is a preposition that means “before, before hand”

“horidzo” means “determine, appoint, designate, mark out, set limit”

This is the Greek word “prooridzo” which means to “pre-determine, pre-appoint, to set limits before hand”. This is the word translated “predestination”

It occurs in the Greek NT 6 times:

- 1) Acts 4:28
- 2) Twice in Romans 8:29-30
- 3) 1 Corinthians 2:7
- 4) Twice in Ephesians 1:5 and 1:11

The first occurrence is in Acts 4:28

Acts 4:28 ποιησαι TO DO οσα η WHATEVER χειρ σου THY HAND
και η AND βουλη **COUNSEL** σου THY προωρισεν **PREDETERMINED**
γενεσθαι TO COME TO PASS

God has a plan and a time for events:

Galatians 4:4 “When the time had fully come, God sent his son.”

This refers to God’s PLAN and God’s TIME.

This does not refer to MAN’S VOLITION.

Acts 2:23 τουτον HIM τη BY THE ωρισμενη DETERMINATE
βουλη COUNSEL και AND προγνωσει FOREKNOWLEDGE του OF
θεου GOD εκδοτον GIVEN UP λαβοντες HAVING TAKEN δια BY
χειρων HANDS ανομων LAWLESS προσπηξαντες HAVING CRUCIFIED
ανειλετε YE PUT TO DEATH.

ωρισμενη DETERMINATE – “horidzo” with out the “pre” or “pro” so it means
“determined, appointed”

βουλη COUNSEL – refers to God’s plan

προγνωσει FOREKNOWLEDGE – “prognosis” (“pro” – before, “gnosis” – knowledge)

NOTICE: Just like horodzo (determine) and proginosko (foreknowledge) are used together in Romans 8:29 they are also used in Acts 2:23 side by side. They’re not synonyms.

Predestination

What is predetermined in Predestination?

- a. The plan is predetermined
- b. The requirements for entering the plan is predetermined?

What is not predetermined in Predestination?

- a. Who will meet the requirements for entering the plan that includes a predetermined result

What is foreknown in Predestination?

- a. The believer’s decision to trust in Christ

Ephesians 1:4-13

- 1) 1:4 – “he chose us in him before the creation of the world”
 - a. God did not chose us to be in Christ before the creation of the world
 - b. God chose us who where in Christ before the creation of the world
 - c. God chose those who he foreknew would be in Christ by their faith
- 2) 1:5 “He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ”
 - a. This predestination is the destiny of all believers to ultimately have complete salvation
 - b. This adoption occurs at the end and agrees with Romans 8:23
- 3) 1:11 – “predestined according to the plan”
 - a. Predestination is for those who are “in the plan”
 - b. To be “in the plan” for Christ you must be “in Christ”
- 4) 1:13 – “you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth”
 - a. You were included in Christ when you “Heard” not when you were “predestined”

Ephesians 1:11 εν IN αυτω HIM εν IN ω WHOM και ALSO εκληρωθημεν WE
OBTAINED AN INHERITANCE προορισθεντες BEING PREDESTINATED
κατα ACCORDING TO THE προθεσιν PURPOSE του OF HIM WHO τα παντα ALL
THINGS ενεργουντος WORKS κατα ACCORDING TO την THE βουλην COUNSEL του
θεληματος αυτου OF HIS WILL

1:6

εις Into	επαινον on-praise (laud)	δοξης of-glory	της of the	χαριτος grace	αυτου of him
ης which	εχαριτωσεν he graces	ημας us	εν in	τω the	ηγαπημενω, One-having-been-loved

εις ἔπαινον δόξης τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἧς ἐχαρίτωσεν ἡμᾶς ἐν τῷ ἠγαπημένῳ.

1:7

εν In	ω whom	εχομεν we-are-having	την the	απολυτρωσιν from-loosening (deliverance)	δια through
του The	αιματος blood	αυτου, of him	την the	αφεσιν forgiveness	των of-the
παραπτωματων, beside-falls (offenses)	κατα according-to	το the	πλουτος riches	της of the	
χαριτος grace	αυτου, of him				

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ης Which	επερισσευσεν he-lavishes	εις into	ημας us	εν in	παση every
σοφια wisdom	και and	φρονησει disposition (prudence)			