

Praise God for Our Inheritance

Eph. 1:11-14

God deserves praise for making us His inheritance. 11,12

- Again predestination pops up, cf. 5. This is plan from long ago.
 - Translation issue:
 - (or) *to obtain an inheritance* (active)
 - to be made a heritage / inheritance* (passive)
- Though former is the point in v. 14, this verb is passive and fits well w/OT idea in Dt. 4:20, 32:9, I Sam. 10:1, Isa. 19:25, 47:6.
- Yet again v. 11 notes *God's will* in all this—4th time, cf. 1,5,9.
 - Result of making us God's inheritance = praise to Him, as in 5b.
 - *First to hope* = Jews (Rom. 1:16) or simply to Paul & his team.

God deserves praise for sealing us for our inheritance. 13,14

- Purpose of sealing: authority, ownership, security, intent to complete a transaction, Matt. 27:66, Jer. 32:9-11, Rev. 7:2,3.
 - Sealed as a pledge / deposit also seen in II Cor. 1:22, 5:5.
 - Note adopting sons for inheritance from a 1st century view:
- Inheritance here = all believers are heirs (Gal. 4:7, Col. 1:12, Rom. 8:16ff.), with a heavenly abode guaranteed.
- *View to the redemption* ≠ from judgment as in v.7 but refers to the redemption that completes our adoption, see 4:30, Rom. 8:23 (thus the need for the Spirit now to be a divine pledge).
- For the 3rd time Paul interjects *To the praise of His glory* (6,12, 14). Repetition of this and *His will* clarify why we are chosen.

