

# God's Heritage

## Ephesians 1:11-12 - Message

In Christ we are predestined to be God's heritage and are secured by sovereign grace as a key part of God's program.

## Lessons from Ephesians 1:11-12

1. As God's heritage, we are given "a privileged place in His total plan" (C. Leslie Mitton, Ephesians, p. 57).
2. We belong to God and nothing can take us from Him.



## Alistair Begg, *Brave By Faith*, p. 42

“We find ourselves complaining about everything, looking back to the good old days and worrying that the church cannot survive the empire of aggressive secular post-Christendom. Too much of the public face of evangelicalism is characterized by vociferous, angry venting or panicking, rather than prayerful, humble, calm, and confident belief in a sovereign God who is in control of things.”

## Alistair Begg, *Brave By Faith*, p. 42-43

“How will we handle the onset of persecution? How will we handle the loss of our jobs on account of our Christian faith? How will we handle the closing down of public worship? Will we hang up our harps, believing that all the good things are in the rearview mirror? Not if we remember that God is God, that God is in control, and that God’s kingdom ultimately knows no rivals.”

# Outline of Ephesians

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3)

Greetings (1:1-2)

Paul praised God for the riches of His glory (1:3-14)

Work of the Father (3-6)

Work of the Son (4-12)

Redemption (7-8a)

Revelation (8b-10)

**Heritage (11-12)**



# Praise God the Son because...

- I. He has made us into God's people (11a).
- II. This was an act of God's sovereign will (11b).
  - a. He was resolved to make it happen.
  - b. He caused it to happen.
  - c. God is sure about choosing us.
- III. This was done to bring glory to God (12).

# God's Inheritance

- Israel was God's inheritance:
  - *“the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession”* (Dt 7:6)
  - *“For the LORD'S portion is His people...His inheritance”* (Dt 32:9)
- Gentile believers are now also God's inheritance:
  - We are *“a holy nation, a people for God's own possession”* (1 Pet 2:9)
  - He redeemed us *“to purify for Himself a people for His own possession”* (Titus 2:14)



God “hath  
foreordained  
whatsoever comes  
to pass”

*Westminster Shorter Catechism*

God does not peer  
into the future to  
discover. He knows  
the future that He  
has already  
determined.

Alistair Begg, *Brave By Faith*, p. 44

“Serve your church family. Give yourself to it. Because, when the Lord builds his church (either in number or in maturity) through our labors, gifts, and giving, we are being used to build the only kingdom that will last forever...So, give your best to this kingdom. It may feel small, but it is never in vain, for this kingdom is eternal, and it is God’s.”