

Deeper Life Notes

Rest Assured: "Part of the Plan" (Ephesians 1:13-14)

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Warm up: Do you know where you stand with God, and what He expects from you?

Review: Gospel Posture? *Rest Assured...*

We are Blessed (Ephesians 1:1-2)

We are Chosen (Ephesians 1:3-6)

We are Free/Part of the Plan (Eph 1:7-12)

Read: Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

TWO KEYS TO THE BELIEVER'S SECURITY

1. KNOW WHERE YOU STAND WITH GOD -- YOUR _____¹

→ "In Him..." (Ephesians 1:13)

**Two questions every person should be able to answer:*

I. Are you in or out of God's grace?

II. How do you come to possess God's grace gifts ("every spiritual blessing")?

a) We are **chosen** by God

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out." - John 6:37

b) We **hear** the word of truth

c) We **believe** in Jesus

¹ POSITION

What about humanity's freewill? → We are free to choose because God has made that choice possible.
(See John 3:16, 11:26)

People have a responsibility to exercise their will...

(See Joshua 24:15, Isaiah 55:1, Matt 3:1-2, 4:17, 11:28-30, John 5:40, 6:37, 7:37-39, Rev 22:17)

d) We are **sealed** with the Holy Spirit

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." - Romans 8:16

2. KNOW WHAT GOD EXPECTS FROM YOU -- YOUR _____²

→ "To the praise of His glory..." (Ephesians 1:14)

**What is the "why" of your existence -- the purpose of your life, work, etc.?*

The answer is found 3 times in Ephesians 1:1-14:

→ We exist "**for the praise of His glory**" (vv.6, 12, 13)

"God is utterly passionate, infinitely passionate, invincibly jealous for the glory of his name and that it be known and treasured above all things in the heart of humanity." - John Piper

(See also Psalm 96:1-2, Philippians 2:13, & 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:5-7

² PURPOSE