

A Map of the World: Part 2

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Ephesians 1:11-14

Last Week: The “Map” (Vv. 3-10)

This Week: The Additional “Moon Letters” (Vv. 11-14)

Recap of Ephesians 1:3-10 “SparkNotes”

“Praise God for this! Even before placing the first stone of creation, as an outflow of his fundamentally loving character and to display his glory, God decided he would have an earthly, multi-ethnic family, one to complement his heavenly family, who, being united by commitment to his beloved Son, King Jesus, would call him “Dad,” enjoy his freedom, and live together to advance his grand plan of bringing heaven to earth.”

The Completion of the “Map”

Ephesians 1:11 NIV In [King Jesus] we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

What Does Paul Mean by “Chose”? The OT Background

Ephesians 1:3 NIV Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose [**Ek-LEG-o-mai**] us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Deuteronomy 14:2 Greek OT For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and it is you the Lord your God has chosen [**Ek-LEG-o-mai**] to be an exceptional people to him out of all the nations on the face of the earth.

The Meaning of the “Moon Letters” (Ephesians 1:11-14)

BIG IDEA: Citizens of God’s “City of Wisdom” will carry out their calling with the all-encompassing, “from the inside”-help of a _____.

The Personal Actions of the Third Divine Person¹

John 14:16 ESV And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper [**Pa-RA-kly-tos**], to be with you forever,...

*“...until our minds are intent on the Spirit, Christ is in a manner unemployed, because we view him coldly without us, and so at a distance from us.”—John Calvin, *The Institutes*, I.XIII.14, 465*

What Do You Need Today? (Circle One)

Inspiration (wind), Refreshment (water), Renewed Love (fire), Courage (oil), Comfort (dove), Restored Passion for Jesus (*paraklytos*), Something Else Jesus Provides

¹ Search for John Jefferson Davis, “Is the Holy Spirit Really a ‘Person.’”