

# EPHESIANS 1 vs 11

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Having just learned that God our Father is summing up ALL in heaven and earth; and will be reduced down to one great congregation...

**even in Jesus Christ** / who paid our debt; who was despised and rejected...

**<sup>11</sup> In whom also we are His inheritance** / this adopted family is purchased by the travail of His soul! Notice that little word: also... which indicates... amazement; and potential disbelief... because previously they were not considered part of that inheritance. But our great God is reducing all into one... even in Him.



**having been predestinated** / previously ordained -- ordered and decreed. We already learned about that previous decree... made in the beginning... when God said: [Let US make man in Our image](#) -- that being our destination... previously determined. And for thousands of years, some have not wanted to make the journey... not wanted to walk with Him, and have ventured out on their own wandering in darkness. But Paul is talking to those in each generation... who will make the journey... even the few now days, who walk

**according to the purpose of Him who works all... after the counsel of His own will:**

**<sup>12</sup> that we who first hoped in Christ** / [in Christ alone](#), who paid the debt we could not pay. He is our first hope. He is our last hope. He is our only hope!

**are to the praise of His glory** / we are His inheritance and will have the praise not of men, but of Christ, who is God's glory! Who will say: Well done... thou good and faithful servant!

**<sup>13</sup> In whom are you also,**

**hearing the word of truth** / again Paul is assuring his readers... we, too are part of this wonderful purpose planned by God... long ago in Him; In Jesus Christ who is Truth! That is where this renovation of the new inner-man starts...we are in Him; when He is in us, **hearing** the word of Jesus, who is the Truth... the night He was betrayed, Jesus said 12 times: [keep My words](#). Guard them with your life. But sadly now days, the church does not do that. Sarah Coleman once said, God has never promised to honor my words; but He has promised to honor His! Keep them! Know them! Share them!

**hearing the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation** / hearing His word, His word is the good news of our salvation... the word is: *soteria*; all that our Savior is saving us from -- every pain, every error... every enemy of our soul; as well as all He is saving and preserving us to in the kingdom of God:

**in whom also after you believed** / not the best translation. This is one Greek word: *pisteuo*; it is the pistis word that without faith... in this case **without faithing**... it is impossible to please God. It is an action word: acting in faith... or better, just make up the word: [faithing](#),

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**in whom also faithing you were sealed** / we were officially stamped; we were marked and set apart. God's inheritance... has been authenticated;

**by the Holy Spirit of promise,**

**<sup>14</sup> Who is the earnest** / the down payment paid in the currency of the full payment **of our inheritance;**

**until the redemption of the purchased possession** / until that last day in the last generation... when the last person... purchased by God responds in faith; when all the uniquely peculiar people of faith have been bought up, from the marketplace of the world... still happening even in our time,

**to the praise of His glory** / again, we learn it is to Christ's praise... when He comes in great glory!

**<sup>15</sup> wherefore** / Paul asks, what was all this said for?

**I also, after I heard of your faithing in the Lord Jesus, and love to all the saints** / remember: Paul is talking about all the brothers and sisters in God's family -- both small and great... all those saints,

**I also...**

**<sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks** / this word is: **eucharisteo**; Paul gives thanks to God. He is not speaking mumbo jumbo... or hocus pocus; just giving thanks!

**I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;**

**<sup>17</sup> that the good-words God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give to you the Spirit of Wisdom** / Paul prays that we each take hold of this great gift: the promised Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Wisdom of God sent!

**and Revelation** / Christ is the Revelation of God!

**in the knowledge of Him** / Paul gives thanks to our great God and Father, that these people in Ephesus also received the Spirit of God... and are getting to know Him! Paul continues...

**<sup>18</sup> The eyes of your heart's understanding** / your deep thoughts, your meditations and insights...

**being enlightened; that you know what is the hope of His calling** / and what is the hope of His calling? Why did this call go out to the nations? God still hopes to remake some in His image; who will trust Him and take Him at His word. [Read about it in Genesis 1:26](#). That is why the call went out.

That is the meaning of the Greek word for church: the **ek-kle-sia**... literally: His **out-called-ones**... called out of the streets of life... called to assemble in His Name as the Church He is building! He is calling, even now! So pick up! Don't forget to answer the call!

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**that you know what is the hope of His calling,**

**and what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints** / what is the costly value of this inheritance that He purchased out of the marketplace of the world? He paid the debt! Said a little differently, Paul is talking about: **what this inheritance cost our Lord,**

**<sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us...**

**who are faithing** / without faithing, it is impossible to please God,

**according to the energizing of His strength** / the Spirit of God is powerful, and the grace of God is evidence of that power,

**<sup>20</sup> who He energized in Christ,**

**when He raised Him from the dead** / you know, if God the Father can break through a rock and raise the dead; then certainly, His Spirit and His grace can break through those hard heads of ours... who will trust Him, and take Him at His word,

**when He energized Chris and raised up Him from the dead; and set at His own right hand in the heavenlies,**

**<sup>21</sup> Far above** / way above!

**all rulers, and authorities, and powers, and lordships** / ALL arche..., all exousia..., all dunamis..., all kuriotes... Paul writes about the graduated hierarchy of powerful spiritual beings, from little, local monarchies and buck-private rulers... to the 5-star generals in the heavens -- the good ones; and the bad ones,

**and far above every name that is named not only in this world, but also in what is expected to come** / any creature who thinks he or she has some name recognition; anyone who thinks they have some sort of position or a title: even critics and judgmental Pharisees included; they are just little leaguers.

Jesus Christ already hit the ball out of the park!

His glorious Father... **raised up Christ from the dead, and set Him at His right hand...**

**<sup>22</sup> and put all under His feet, and gave Him – head** / the word is: **kephale**; and only One gets to be the Head. You know: the eyes and ears; and mouth and nose and brains. He doesn't need any meat-head advising Him.

The church Jesus is building -- the only church that exists... is not an aberrant institution or freak show! He has and needs NO other head! His head is enough! Anyone who says, they are head of His church... run from them! They are deceived... and sniffing too much incense; or smoking too much weird stuff... and will try to deceive you, too!

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God our Father speaks good words in faith... letting us know well in advance what He intends to do!  
So, hear Him again...

**and put all... under His feet** / all who want to be ruled by Him...and all those who don't... ALL...

**and gave Him the HEAD over all... to the church** / the one He said He was building; that church;  
not my church... not your church! HIS church!

<sup>23</sup> **which is His body**

/ His hands, His feet... His shoulders... His toes... and the many other vital cells and unseen members properly functioning together. In these verses, we learn... nobody needs to be, nobody ever will be...  
**His eyes or ears... which are part of His head**; because... His eyes and His ears work very well!

**and put all under His feet, and gave Him the HEAD over all...**

**to the church which is His body...**

**the fullness** / the fulfillment... **of Him who fills all in all.**

Who fills everywhere in His creation... with His influence and His presence...

which is why the Lord Jesus Christ... is the Head!

And everybody else is not!

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**This is My Father's World**

**The Sheep Hear His Voice And They Follow Him**

**In Christ Alone**

My Chains are gone