

# Your Spiritual Possessions in Christ

Ephesians 1:7-14



**Temple of Artemis, Wonder of the Ancient World**  
**“Great is Artemis of Ephesians”, Acts 19:28**





**Paul and the Disciples Dragged to the Amphitheater for Preaching the Way,  
Silversmith Demetrius and Craftsmen Stir the Crowds, Acts 19**





**Apostle Paul at the Hall of Tyrannus, Ephesus  
Preaching the Kingdom of God and Gospel of Grace, Acts 19:9**

## Ephesians 1-3

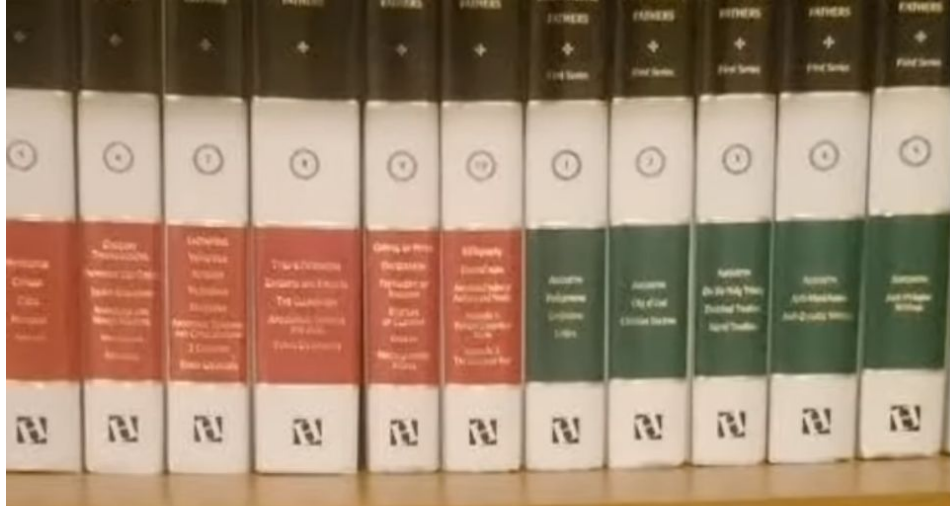
Paul's purpose isn't to address the predestination of *individuals* in the kingdom, but instead to explain the mystery of *the Jewish Christians* and *the Gentile Christians* being combined into one during the church age, with both having equal access to the Heavenly Father.

## Ephesians 1-3

Paul promotes unity between Jewish C. and Gentile C. within the early church, but he also encourages his Gentile audience—both then and now—with this new, church-age revelation that

*God Himself elevated your status!*

Predestination is the Biblical doctrine that  
God in his sovereignty chooses some  
individuals to be saved



-Clement of Rome (AD30-100)

-Ignatius (AD30-107)

-Barnabas (AD100)

-Justin Martyr (AD 110-165)

-Irenaeus (AD120-202)

-Tatian (AD110-172)

-Tertullian (AD145-220)

-Clement of Alexandria (AD153-217)

-Origen (AD185-254)

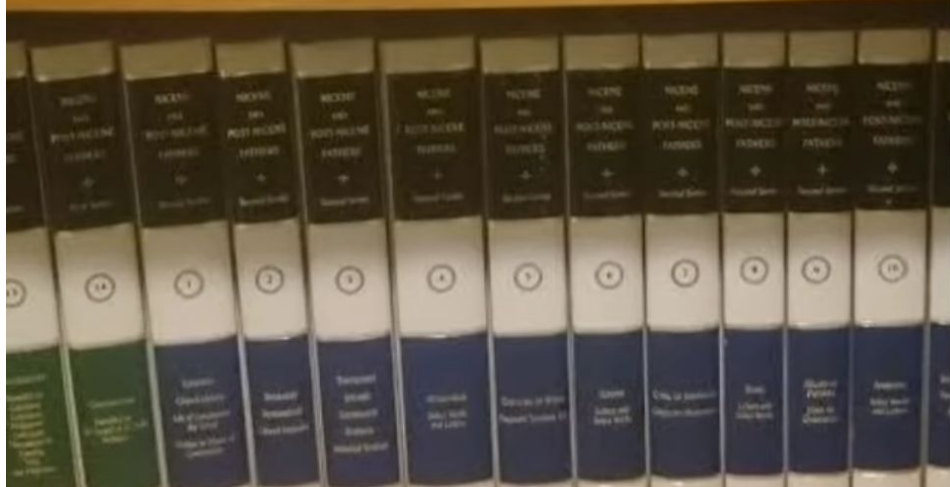
-Hippolytus (AD170-236)

-Novatian (AD210-280)

-Archelaus (AD277)

-Alexander of Alexandria (AD273-326)

-Lactantius (AD260-330)





**Any one can come and be  
saved.**

**Only the chosen ones given a  
special unique gift of grace  
can come and be saved.**

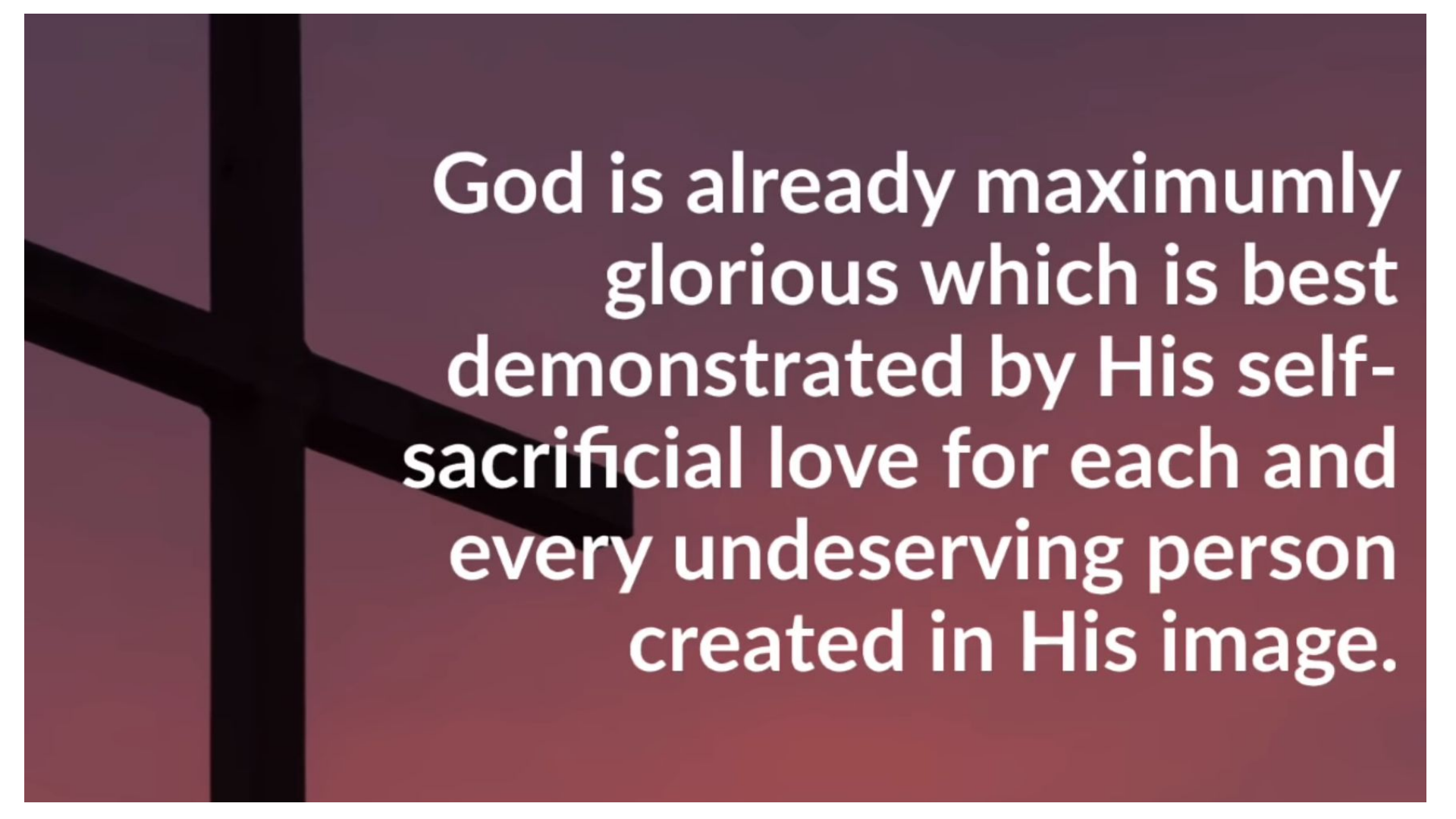
Predestination is not about God picking and choosing who will and who will not be saved before they are even born nor have a choice in the matter.

It is about God predetermining what will become of those who are in Christ through belief in His truth.





God is most glorified not at the expense of His creation, but at the expense of Himself for the sake of His creation.



God is already maximumly  
glorious which is best  
demonstrated by His self-  
sacrificial love for each and  
every undeserving person  
created in His image.

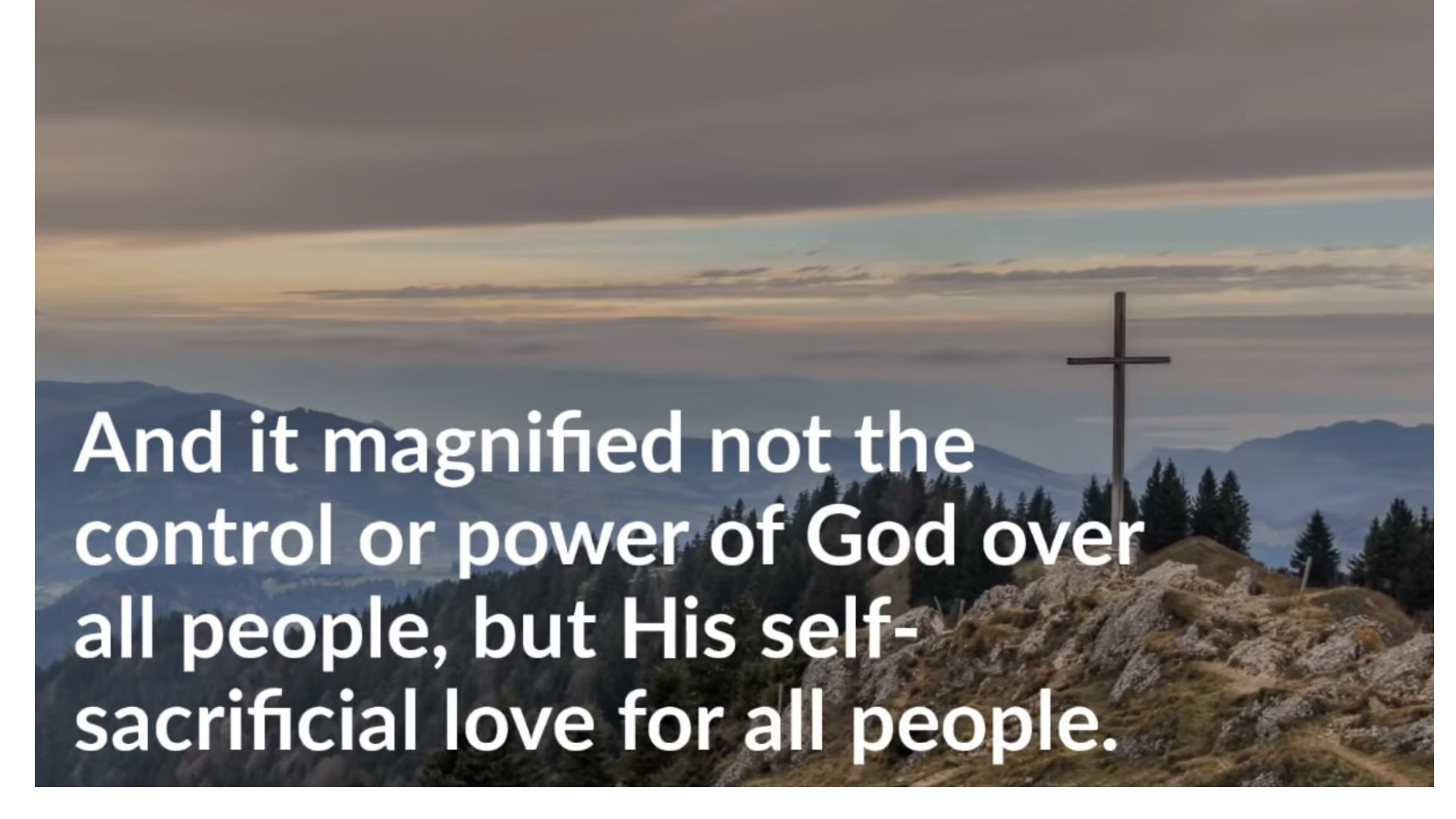


**Our view of God is  
measured not by  
how controlling He  
is over His creation,  
but by how loving  
He is for His  
creation despite our  
free choice to sin  
against Him.**





The cross is the central  
climatic event in all of human  
history!



And it magnified not the  
control or power of God over  
all people, but His self-  
sacrificial love for all people.

**When the Gentiles heard this, they  
rejoiced and honored the word of  
the Lord, and all who had been  
appointed to eternal life *believed*.**

Acts 13:48



**This is good, and it pleases God our Savior,  
who wants *everyone to be saved* and to  
come to the knowledge of the truth.**

**For there is one God and one mediator  
between God and humanity, the man Christ  
Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for  
all, a testimony at the proper time.**

**1 Timothy 2:3-6**

And yet because we know that a person is not  
justified by the works of the law but by  
*faith in Jesus Christ*,  
Even we ourselves *have believed in Christ*.  
This was so that we might be justified by  
*faith in Christ* and  
not by the works of the law, because by the works  
of the law no human being will be justified.

Galatians 2:6