



Ephesians – The Gospel Unites
Praise God for His Salvation (Part 3)
Ephesians 1:11-14
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1. Praise God (1:12)

3. (Praise God) that We Heard and Believed (1:13)

4. (Praise God) that Our Salvation Is Secure (1:13-14)

2. (Praise God) that Salvation is God's Work (1:11)

Discussion and Application Questions

1. **Gratitude for Salvation:** Reflect on your salvation journey. How has hearing the gospel and believing in Christ changed your life? How can you express gratitude for this salvation?
2. **Purpose and Counsel of God:** What is the significance of the phrase "according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will"? How does it affect our understanding of God's sovereignty?
3. **Hearing and Believing:** What role does hearing the gospel and believing in Christ play in the process of salvation, according to these verses?
4. **The Guarantee of Inheritance:** What is the significance of the Holy Spirit being described as the "guarantee/down payment"? How does this bring assurance to you in your faith?
5. **Sharing the Gospel:** How can you actively participate in sharing the "word of truth" and the gospel of salvation, as mentioned in verse 13? How do you see the role of the Holy Spirit in opening a person's heart up to the gospel?
6. **Sealed with the Holy Spirit:** We learned three different functions of a seal in the ancient world: 1) To authenticate or confirm as genuine or true, 2) To mark as one's property, 3) To make secure. Were any of these new to you? How can you apply this aspect of the seal of the Spirit in your daily walk with Christ?