

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Pre-Appointed for Adoption
Ephesians 1:4

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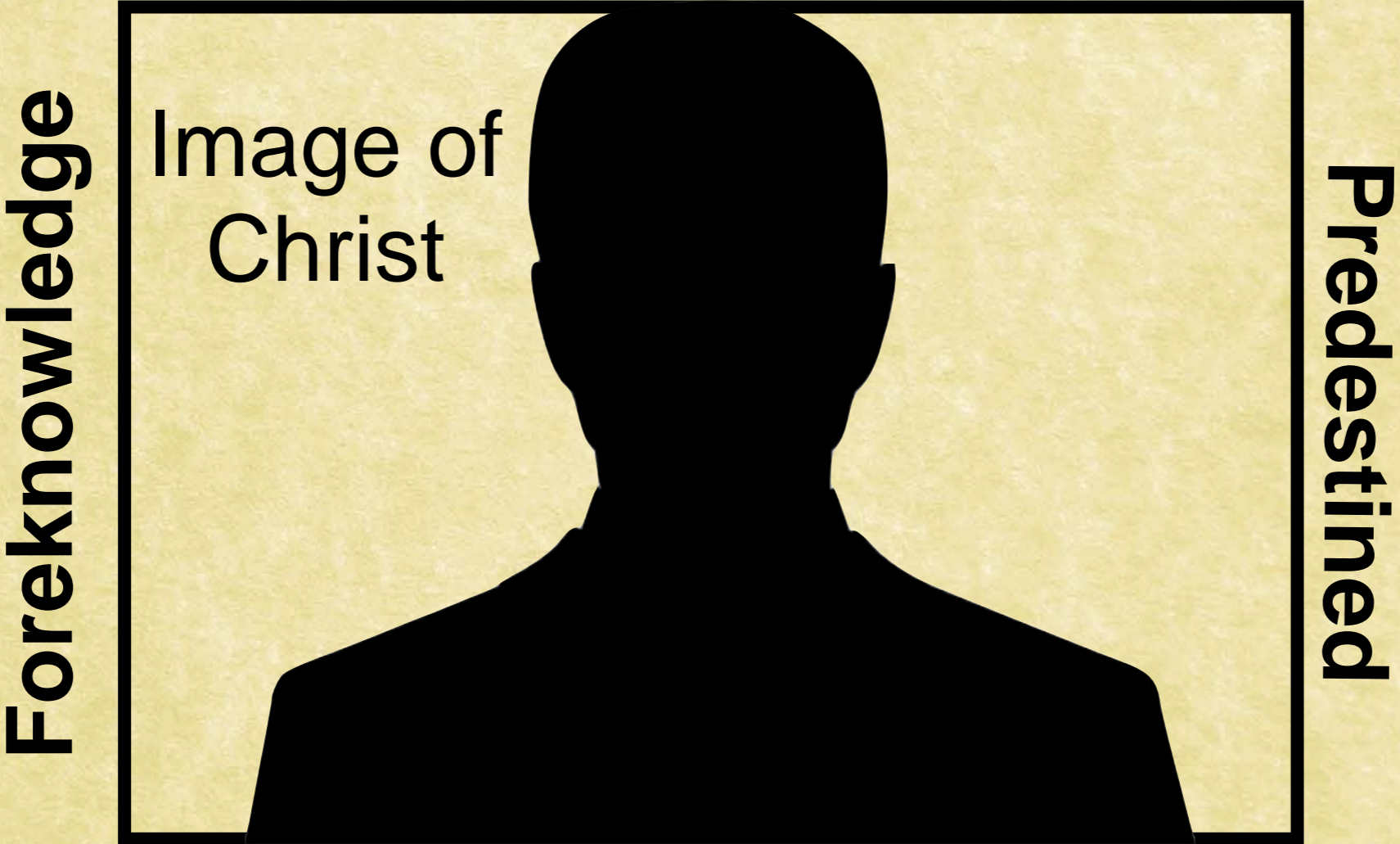
Eph. 1:4, “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Eph. 1:5, “having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph. 1:6, “to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”

Key Words for Understanding Eph. 1:3–5

Choose



His Will

“To him [Paul], preappointment [*proorismos*] is not the beginning of calling and justification, for if this was the beginning of the order and since those who were subtly introducing persuasive arguments are using absurd reasoning concerning salvation’s origin, indeed, foreknowledge comes before preappointment [*proorismos*].”

~Origen of Alexandria (ca A.D. 185–254)

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1 Pet. 1:2, “choice according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by means of sanctification of the Spirit, for the purpose of obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ” [that which has set us apart as unique] [Dean translation]

Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are choice [not *chosen*].”

No one was chosen. They are “choice” because they are dressed in imputed righteousness.

Isa. 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”

ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”

1 Jn. 1:9

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**ἄμωμος *amōmos*
acc masc plur
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spotless**

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Eph. 5:27, “that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE

ONE

Justification

**Positional
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

PHASE

Two

**Spiritual
Life**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

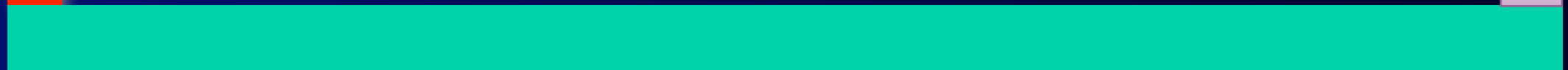
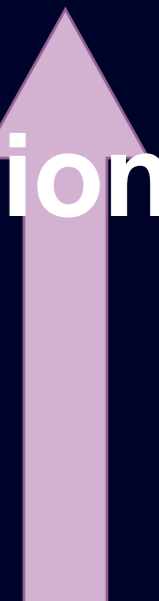
PHASE

THREE

Glorification

**Final
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**



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προορίζω

***proorizō* aor**

act part masc

sing nom

to appoint to

a task

beforehand

υιοθεσία

huiiothesia

acc fem sing

adoption as an

adult son to be

the heir

“Indeed the phrase, *bacor atnaho* means I will *appoint* him or *make* him *first born*, which speaks of a given right and not one acquired by nature.”

~M. Weinfeld, *Royal Grant*

**Ex. 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh,
‘Thus says the Lord: “Israel is My son, My
firstborn.” ’ ”**

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Col. 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”