

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Soli Deo Gloria

Ephesians 1:11-14

Getting Started

What do you think about boasting?

Digging In

1. **Read Eph 1:3-14.** What words or concepts do you see repeated in these verses?
2. In **vss. 11-12**, Paul is most likely referring to himself and his fellow Jews – those who were *first to hope in Christ*. How does Paul describe their salvation? How did it happen?
3. How is God's **sovereignty** seen in these verses?
4. What was God's **purpose**? (v. 12)
5. In **vss. 13-14** Paul shifts his focus to the **Gentile** readers of his letter. How does Paul teach that they, too, are part of the family of God?
6. We've repeatedly seen Paul emphasize God's sovereign role in our salvation. How does Paul also emphasize our **human responsibility**?
7. **Read vss. 13-14.** How did God **mark** us as belonging to him?
8. What are the implications of being **God's possession**? (Compare 1 Peter 2:9-10)
9. What was God's **ultimate purpose** in all this? (See vss. 4-6, 11-12, 13-14)



Getting Personal

- How does it make you feel to know that – from eternity past – God chose you to be a part of his family?
- If our salvation is the outworking of God's salvation, does this mean we have no responsibility? Explain.
- What are the implications of God's election (God's sovereign choice) for evangelism? Do we still have a responsibility to evangelize? Explain.
- In your own words, what does it mean to live for the glory of God?