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Where is God Taking Us? Ephesians 4:13–15



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

~NKJV

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”

- 1. At the instant of faith in Christ, every believer is “born again” or regenerated. (John 3:3–5; Titus 3:5)**
- 2. At that point we are a new creature in Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17)**
- 3. Jesus didn’t come to limit our lives, but to give an abundant life. (John 10:10)**
- 4. Abundant life is the result of our spiritual growth and maturation (1 Pet. 2:2)**

5. God's goal for us.

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He knew and marked off beforehand He set their future destiny to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the preeminent One among many brethren.”

Eph. 4:12, “For the immediate purpose of training all Church Age believers to do the work of service, toward the ultimate goal of spiritually strengthening the body of Christ;” ~RD

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to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the son of God

to a mature man

the fullness that belongs to Christ, i.e., His perfect character

1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—”

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Key Words

**προορίζω *proorizō* aor act indic 3 sing to decide
beforehand (instant detail summary in Accordance)**

**προορίζω *prohorizō*, decide upon beforehand, predestine.
~NIDNTT**

ὀρίζω (*horizō*), determine, appoint; Heb. 4:7

ἀφορίζω (*aphorizō*), separate, set apart, appoint

**Predestination (Gk. *proorízō*). The divine determination of human beings to eternal salvation or eternal damnation.
~*Eerdman's Bible Dictionary***

**Predestination (from Lat. '*praedestinare*', Vulgate translation of Greek. προορίζειν, 'foreordain'). The Divine decree according to which certain persons are infallibly guided to eternal salvation.
~*Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church***

Predestination Divine and unalterable determination of the salvation or damnation of human beings even before they are created.

Predestination God's foreordination of persons to a particular end, most commonly to a particular eternal destiny and less commonly to a particular vocation or to a particular task.

NIDNTT: cl & ot The compound *prohorizoæ* (formed from *pro*, in front, before and *horizō*, to ordain, determine) is only used from the 4th century B.C. onwards (Demosthenes, 31, 4), and means *to preordain*. It is not found in the Septuagint (LXX).

“To prove that these statements of mine are true, that he even now declares that the land is mortgaged for a talent, but that he laid claim to two thousand drachmae more on the house, and took the pillars down after the suit was decided, I shall bring forward witnesses who know the facts.”

~Demosthenes 31.4

**“he (sc. the mortgagee) had the house marked with stones (v. “ὄρος” 11) as well to the amount of 2000 drachmae,”
D.31.4.**

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Romans 8:29: “Long ere this He knew our hearts, long ere this He claimed us (as a man claims property by setting his landmarks thereon) as those whom He should mould into the very likeness of His own Son,”

~Arthur Way, Classics Scholar

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***horizō* is connected with *horos*, boundary, and *horion*, region. Originally it meant to set bounds, bound, and hence to establish, determine the boundaries or limitations, of something.**

Acts 17:26, “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined [established] their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,”

Acts 10:42, “And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained [*appointed* ~HCSB] by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.”

Acts 17:31, “because He has appointed [*fixed* ~NET] a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained [*appointed* ~NET, HCSB]. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Romans 8:28, “And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:29, “For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained [appoint beforehand] to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren:

Romans 8:30, “and whom he foreordained [appoint beforehand], them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” ~ASV

Rom. 8:29, “Because those of whom he had knowledge before they came into existence, were marked out by him to be made like his Son, so that he might be the first among a band of brothers:

Rom. 8:30, “And those who were marked out by him were named; and those who were named were given righteousness; and to those to whom he gave righteousness, in the same way he gave glory.”

~BBE

“ . . . we know that He brings together for good all things, for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. For God knew His own before creation, and also appointed beforehand that they should be spiritually shaped into the character of His Son, that He might be the first-born among a large family of brothers; and it is these, that He appointed beforehand, whom He has also called.”

Rom. 8:28–30a, ~RD

What has God set as the goal of our spiritual growth?

To be conformed to the character of His Son.

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We are to be like Jesus Christ and not like *babies*.

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Eph. 4:14, “Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit.” ~HCSB

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***νήπιος nēpios*
masc plur nom (adj)
young; infant; child up to puberty.
However, the word was used as an insult or pejorative for acting like a baby, not acting one's age**

νήπιος nēpios used of childish, simple, foolish behavior of those who ought to know better

Prov. 1:32, “For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;”

Rom. 2:20, “an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.”

1 Cor. 3:1, “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual [walking by the Spirit] people but as to fleshly, as to babes in Christ.”

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πανουργία *panourgia* fem
sing dat craftiness

μεθοδεία *methodeia* fem
sing acc (f) craftiness;
evil strategies