

Ephesians: From Death to Life
Made for Praise (Part 3)
Ephesians 1:3-14

We love guarantees! We want to spend our money knowing that we got the best price, guaranteed. We like to know that if we are not completely satisfied with a particular product, we can return it for a full refund, no questions asked, guaranteed. The idea behind a guarantee is to bring a level of comfort to a transaction that otherwise would not be there.

We praise the Triune God because we have been assured by the Spirit.

1. We are sealed for the inheritance by the Spirit.
2. We are assured of the inheritance by the Spirit.
3. We are guaranteed the inheritance by the Spirit.

God the Father has chosen us. God the Son has redeemed us. God the Spirit has assured us. Let us worship together the Triune God. We were made for praise, and of all the things we can praise, our hearts will only be satisfied when we begin to praise God.

Reflection

Take a few minutes to read Ephesians 1:3-14. Consider for a moment the fact that God has given believers everything to enjoy in eternity, all the spiritual blessings in the heavenlies. How does this both energize and comfort you today? What issues do you still struggle with concerning predestination? What does it mean for you to be “in Christ” and how does a deeper understanding of the Triune God help you process how we are eventually given that status, to be in Christ? Read Matthew 11:28 and consider the universal invitation to come to Jesus. How many of your friends need to hear that invitation? Now read, Ephesians 1:4-5, and consider the comforting reassurance of God’s sovereign election. How many of your friends have this assurance?