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Having Predestined Us

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" HAVING PREDESTINATED US "

Eph. 1:4-6

INT: Ephesians called: most profound book in Bible! Stalkers.
 Contains: 9 distinct features of God's Eternal Plan for man
 1st, Abundant Life or All Spiritual Blessings. Vs. 1-3.
 % Truth, Freedom, Love, Salvation and Fellowship.
 2nd tonight: God's pre-creation plans for us. Vs. 4-6.

- I. VERSE FOUR: "We were chosen before the world to be Holy."
 A. Chosen us: "To choose for one's self." Rev. 4:11.
 1. History of Philosophy: Man needed a God, so he fabricated one up in his own mind. Man chose a god!
 B. Before creation: End determined before beginning. R. 6:23
 C. Holy & Loving: Matt. 5:8. Rev. 21:27. John 15:13.

- II. VERSE FIVE: "We were predestinated to Adoption as Sons."
 A. Predestinated: Subject of much confusion and pain.
 (II P.3:9) 1. Not special election of a few, or pre-damnation man
 2. Not fatalism: "What will be, will be." All events pre-determined. Ill. Sardis, Miss. train wreck
 3. Does mean: God pre-destined a chance for all men to be saved through Christ. Mark 16:15-16.
 B. Adoption: Giving an unclaimed soul a saved and dignified relationship to the Heavenly Father.

- III. VERSE SIX: "To the praise and glory of His Grace."
 A. Praise: Commendation of God's love. Matt. 5:16.
 B. Glory: Honor resulting from a good opinion of His Grace. Rev. 6:7. True & righteous....
 C. Accepted: into the beloved (church). Gal. 3:26-29.

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INV: GOD PREDESTINED ALL OF US TO A NEW AND BETTER LIFE. II C. 5:17.

Ill. Richard Langford. 17 yrs ago.

Coached boy from broken home.

Rebellious, resentful, quick-tempered, obstinate.

3rd fit on diamond put him off team. Team interce

eded and his life was transformed by kindness.

Adams cheer-leader, R.O.T.C. Lt. Col. and Capt. of baseball and football teams.

Last word: March, 1964. Captain in Army in Germany, 3 children. *wife visited us!*

Statement: "He's as fine a husband as any woman could ask for." Predestined.