

Unity



Ephesians
1:11—14

HERMENEUTICS:
THE ART AND
SCIENCE OF
BIBLE
INTERPRETATION

Hermeneutics





The hermeneutical key
which unlocks the
meaning of Eph. 1:11—14
is...

PRONOUNS
she, he, you, it, we, they, our, etc.



Eph.
ch 1
v 11-14

Find the human pronouns: who do they refer to?

“11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.”

Redeemed for...

Unity

“...to bring unity to all things in
heaven and on earth under
Christ.” Eph. 1:10b



UNITY pronouns in Eph. 1:11-14

WE Jews were chosen and were the first to believe in Christ [v11—12]

YOU Gentiles were also included in Christ! [v13]

OUR inheritance is shared, praise God!! [v14]



Eph.
ch 2
v 14

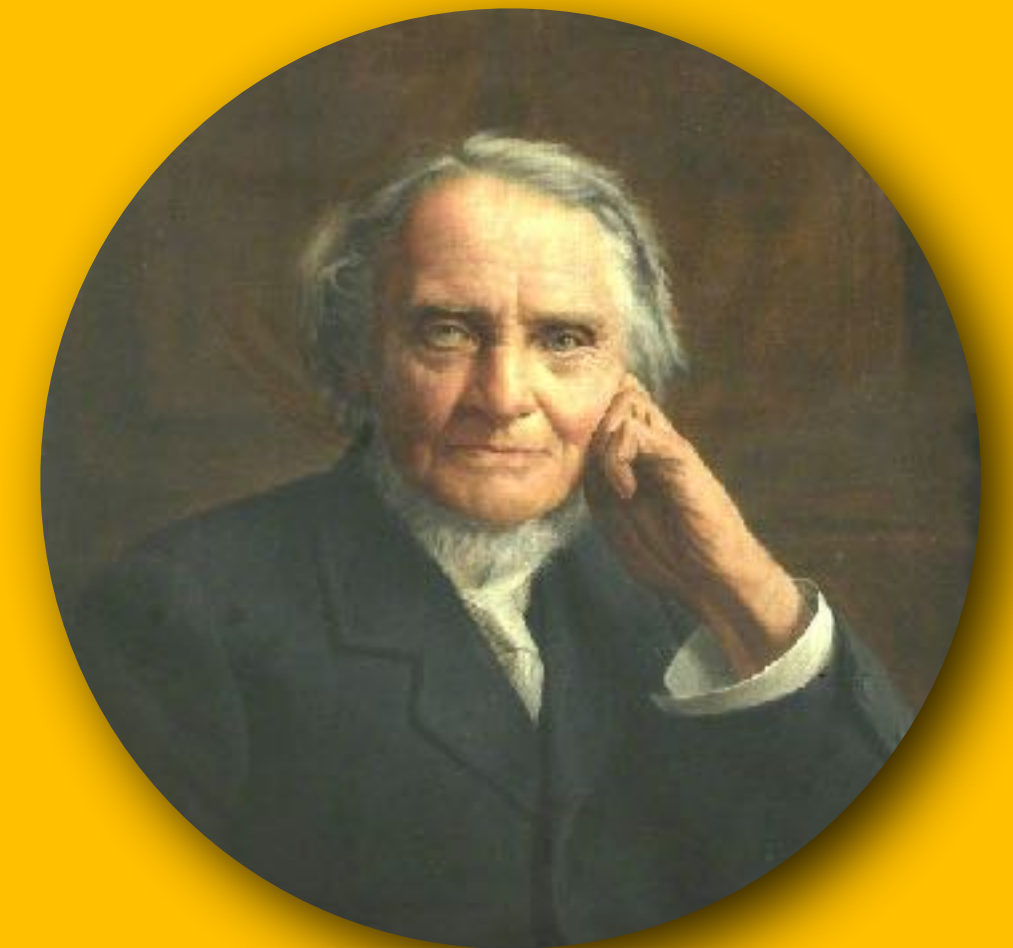
“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”

Unity in Christ



“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” [Galatians 3:28]

“WHEN THESE WORDS WERE SPOKEN, THE THEN-KNOWN CIVILISED WORLD WAS CLEFT 分裂 BY GREAT, DEEP GULFS OF SEPARATION, LIKE THE CREVASSES IN A GLACIER, BY THE SIDE OF WHICH OUR RACIAL ANIMOSITIES AND CLASS DIFFERENCES ARE MERELY SUPERFICIAL CRACKS ON THE SURFACE...”



**Alexander
Maclaren**



**“And you also were included [!!!]
in Christ when you heard the
message of truth, the gospel of
your salvation...”**

**Eph.
ch 1
v 13a**

Unity in God's Kingdom

God's kingdom is where every nation, tribe, and tongue comes together in harmony.





*Intercultural
Church & City
transformation*

01_CELEBRATE

We Celebrate God's
Glory in our Diversity

02_LEARN

We Cultivate Cross-
Cultural Understanding

03_OVERCOME

We work to overcome our
prejudice & inequalities

04_UNITE

We're committed to
our unity in Christ

05_DISCIPLE

We work together to
make disciples of Christ
from all nations



Eph.
ch 1
v 13-14

"13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory."

ACTS 2:17a, 18a, 21

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days...

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



EPH. 1:13b—14a

“When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal 印記, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance...”



Eph.
ch 1
v 13-14

"13a ...the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory."

“TO HAVE THESE WORDS APPLIED NOW TO GENTILES IS ONE OF THE MOST STUPENDOUS THINGS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (CF. 1 PETER 2:9). THIS PLACES JEWS AND GENTILES ON EQUAL FOOTING IN REGARD TO THE BENEFITS OF ELECTION AND SALVATION.”



**R. KENT
HUGHES**



*the praise
of his glory*

“...to the praise of his glory” v14

“Praise be to God...” v3

**“To the praise of his glorious
grace...” v6**

“...for the praise of his glory” v12