

Ephesians: Strategic Living
“The Church Explained, Part 2”
Ephesians 1:9-14

The impressive sentence composed here by the Apostle Paul covers the reality of God's plan, the Church, from eternity past to eternity future. Election sets the stage for redemption which then culminates in inheritance. The Church's past is awe-inspiring. The Church's present is stunning to contemplate. The Church's future is unimaginable.

1. The Church's Past: Election (vv.3-6a)

- **Aspects of Blessing (v.3)**
- **Elements of Eternity (vv.4-6a)**

2. The Church's Present: Redemption (vv.6b-10)

- **Personal Salvation (vv.6b, 7)**
- **Present Salvation (v.7)**
- **Provided Salvation (v.7)**
- **Practical Salvation (v.7)**

- **Purposeful Salvation (v.7)**

- **Plentiful Salvation (v.8)**

- **Planned Salvation (vv.9, 10)**

3. The Church's Future: Inheritance (vv.11-14)

- **Ground of Our Inheritance (vv.11-13)**

- **Guarantee of Our Inheritance (vv.13b, 14a)**

- **Goal of Our Inheritance (v.14b)**