

Ephesians 1:1-14

National Football League (NFL) Draft:

Only a select group of men are true prospects.

The higher a player is drafted, the larger the initial contract.

The draftees know that if they fail to produce results, can't stay healthy, don't out perform other players at their position, etc... they will be cut.

Every player knows that they will not play in the NFL for the rest of their lives.

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Ephesians Letter Background

The letter's purpose: Show that all people are invited to be a part of the body of Christ, what that body looks like, and how that body operates.

Great emphasis is put on love as both a noun and a verb as it is mentioned 19 times.

Letter of two halves:

- ✓ 1:1 - 3:21 — What God has done for His chosen people.
- ✓ 4:1 - 6:24 — How it is that we can live worthy of such a great calling.

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God's Chosen People & Ephesians 1:3-14

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"For He chose us..." (1:4)

"He predestined us...according to His good pleasure of His will..." (1:5)

"...according to the riches of His grace..." (1:6)

"...according to His good pleasure that He purposed..." (1:9)

"...because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of His will..." (1:11)

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Christ is plainly observed as being the central component to God's plan & people.

Those chosen by God are put into position to participate in God's divine purposes.

The historical Jews were the first to be chosen to experience the blessings of being in Christ, but now all people have been chosen in Christ.

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“For this reason I kneel before the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God’s love, and to know Christ’s love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

(Ephesians 3:14-19)

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