

For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> which is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1:9-14 RSV)

He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an Administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation - having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (NASB)

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, according to his good pleasure which he determined beforehand in Christ, <sup>10</sup> for him to act upon when the times had run their course: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. <sup>11</sup> And it is in him that we have received our heritage, marked out beforehand as we were, under the plan of the One who guides all things as he decides by his own will, <sup>12</sup> chosen to be, for the praise of his glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. <sup>13</sup> Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the gospel of your salvation, and having put your trust in it you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the pledge of our inheritance, for the freedom of the people whom God has taken for his own, for the praise of his glory. (NJB)