

**“THE BLESSING OF PREDESTINATION TO SONSHIP”**  
**EPHESIANS 1:5-6**

**I. WHAT IS “PREDESTINATION?”**

**A. It’s Meaning**

- 1. We Get Our Word “Horizon” From The Root Of This Word**
- 2. Attached To The Root Is A Preposition That Means “Before”**
- 3. To “Predestinate” Is To Mark Off The Boundaries Of A Thing**

**B. Its Usage In The New Testament**

**1. Six References Including Our Text**

- a. Boundaries Set For The Death Of Christ (Acts 4:28)**
- b. Boundaries Set For Sanctification (Rom. 8:29-30)**
- c. Boundaries Set For The Extent Of The Revelation Of  
God’s Wisdom (I Corinthians 2:7)**
- d. Boundaries Set For Adoption (Ephesians 1:5)**
- e. Boundaries Set For Our Inheritance (Ephesians 1:11)**

**2. Predestination Is Based On Foreknowledge (Romans 8:29)**

**a. There Are Three Ways That “Foreknowledge” Has Been  
Understood**

- (1) Educated Guess**
- (2) Divine Omniscience Of Everything**
- (3) Intimate Identifying Knowledge**

**b. God’s Foreknowledge Sets Its Approval In Its Intimate  
Acquaintance With the Object**

- (1) Two References With Respect To Christ**
- (2) Three References With Respect To Christians**

**II. GOD’S PREDESTINATION OF SOME TO SONSHIP HAS MADE US  
ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED (1:5-6)**