Divine Order:
1) foreknowledge - This determines the election or choice
2) Election - (looks back to foreknowledge)
3) Predestination - Bringing about the election - (looks forward to destiny)

Outline:
vs 4-6 Blessings of Father
7-12 Blessings of Son
13-14 Blessings of Holy S.

of the [a]world, that we should be [b]holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having [1]predestinated us unto the [2c]adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption [d]through his blood, the forgiveness of [e]sins, according to the riches of his [f]grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us the [g]mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the [3]dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an [i]inheritance, being [h]predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the [j]counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the [l]praise of his glory, who [m]first [k]trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the [l]gospel of your salvation: in whom also [m]after that ye believed, [n]ye were [4]sealed with that [o]holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

(2) *The prayer for knowledge and power.*

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my [p]prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead,

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a i.e. *earth.*
b *Sanctify, holy (persons)* (N. T.). Eph.2.21. (Mt.4.5; Rev.22. 11.)
c *Adoption.* (Rom. 8.15,23.)
d *Sacrifice (of Christ).* Col.1. 14,20. (Gen.4.4; Heb.10.18.)
e *Sin.* Rom.3.23, *note.*
f *Grace (in salv.).* vs.6,7; Eph.2.5, 7,8. (Rom.3.24; John 1.17, *note.*)
g Rom.16.25,26; Eph.3.3; Mt.13. 11, *note.*
h *Predestination,* vs.5,11. (Acts 4. 28.)
i Isa.40.14; 46.10; Dan.4.35.
j vs.6,14; Eph.3.21.
k *hoped.*
l *Gospel.* Eph.3. 1-10. (Gen.12. 1-3; Rev.14.6.)
m *Having believed.*
n *Assurance.* Eph.4.30. (Isa. 32.17; Jude 1.)
o *Holy Spirit.* vs. 13,17; Eph.2.18, 22. (Mt.1.18; Acts 2.4.)
p *Bible prayers* (N.T.). Eph.3. 14-21. (Mt.6.9; Rev.22.20.)

1 Predestination is that effective exercise of the will of God by which things before determined by Him are brought to pass. See *Election*, 1 Pet. 1. 2, *note*; *Foreknowledge*, 1 Pet. 1. 20, *note*.

2 Adoption (*huiothesia*, "placing as a son") is not so much a word of *relationship* as of *position*. The believer's relation to God as a child results from the new birth (John 1. 12, 13), whereas adoption is the act of God whereby one already a child is, through redemption from the law, placed in the position of an adult son (Gal. 4. 1–5). The indwelling Spirit gives the realization of this in the believer's present experience (Gal. 4. 6); but the full manifestation of the believer's sonship awaits the resurrection, change, and translation of saints, which is called "the redemption of the body" (Rom. 8. 23; 1 Thes. 4. 14–17; Eph. 1. 14; 1 John 3. 2).

3 The Dispensation of the Fulness of Times. This, the seventh and last of the ordered ages which condition human life on the earth, is identical with the kingdom covenanted to David (2 Sam. 7. 8–17; Zech. 12. 8, Summary; Lk. 1. 31–33; 1 Cor. 15. 24, Summary), and gathers into itself under Christ all past "times": (1) The time of oppression and misrule ends by Christ taking His kingdom (Isa. 11. 3, 4). (2) The time of testimony and divine forbearance ends in judgment (Mt. 25. 31–46; Acts 17. 30, 31; Rev. 20. 7–15). (3) The time of toil ends in rest and reward (2 Thes. 1. 6, 7). (4) The time of suffering ends in glory (Rom. 8. 17, 18). (5) The time of Israel's blindness and chastisement ends in restoration and conversion (Rom. 11. 25–27; Ezk. 39. 25–29). (6) The times of the Gentiles end in the smiting of the image and the setting up of the kingdom of the heavens (Dan. 2. 34, 35; Rev. 19. 15–21). (7) The time of creation's thraldom ends in deliverance at the manifestation of the sons of God (Gen. 3. 17; Isa. 11. 6–8; Rom. 8. 19–21).

4 The Holy Spirit is Himself the seal. In the symbolism of Scripture a seal signifies: (1) A finished transaction (Jer. 32. 9, 10; John 17. 4; 19. 30). (2) Ownership (Jer. 32. 11, 12; 2 Tim. 2. 19). (3) Security (Esth. 8. 8; Dan. 6. 17; Eph. 4. 30).