

## "Pre-destination Made Easy?" (Ephesians 1: 1-14)

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'To know Christ and make Him known'

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March

9AM David Eden

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## Thought for the Week

### Predestination Ephesians 1: 1-14

In the ancient city of Corinth, lived a humble weaver named Jonathan. Known for his kindness and unwavering faith, Jonathan was a devoted Christian who believed deeply in the teachings of the Bible. His life was a simple one, spent weaving beautiful tapestries and sharing the love of Christ with his fellow townspeople.

One evening, as Jonathan was reading the Scriptures, he came across a passage in the Book of Ephesians that spoke of predestination: "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" (Ephesians 1:4). This concept of being chosen by God before the world even began filled Jonathan with awe and wonder.

As he pondered the meaning of predestination, Jonathan began to feel a stirring in his heart. He realized that his life, with all its joys and sorrows, was part of God's divine plan. This realization brought him great comfort and a renewed sense of purpose.

One day, a severe drought struck Corinth, causing widespread famine and hardship. The townspeople grew desperate and fearful, unsure of how they would survive. Jonathan, however, held fast to his faith in God's plan. He believed that even in the darkest of times, God had a purpose for everything.

With a heart full of compassion, Jonathan gathered his fellow Christians and proposed a plan. They would share their resources with those in need, trusting that God would provide for them in return. Inspired by Jonathan's faith and generosity, the community came together, pooling their food and water to help those who were suffering.

As the days went by, the drought showed no signs of ending, yet the people of Corinth found themselves strengthened by their unity and faith. Jonathan and the people of Corinth chose Christ, rather than a fatalistic attitude that God was punishing them for their sins. God's preordained plan was to bring Jonathan and the town's people together under Him. Jonathan and the people had a choice, either to Accept or Reject God's gracious way to survive this circumstance. This is the essence of Predestination.

## Prayer Points

- Praise God that it would appear that we will be getting council approval soon to erect our new digital sign
- Praise God for the safe return of Matt and Uli and also Trish from their overseas ministry work.
- Pray for Alan Sinclair as he continues to struggle with blood pressure issues
- Pray for our soccer ministry as it commences for the year. That we would seize every opportunity we are given to share the gospel

## What's on?

### MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup  
4PM Kids Ignite  
& Youth

## Birthdays

Today Melinda Thorne

### LADIES CONFERENCE

We are holding a ladies conference March 29th, with ladies from our church speaking;  
**Megan Crilley,**  
**Melle Thorne,**  
**Lorraine O'Keefe,**  
**& Kathy Forgeard**  
(our new senior Pastor's wife)

Chat to Jess or Carin to know more,  
RSVP is TODAY



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact our coordinator  
Beth Pfeffer : 0449 584 284

### HELP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for a couple (Male and Female) to go on the roster for Sunday School. The curriculum is easy to follow along with, and the kids are great fun. It is great way to lead the kids in this crucial time of their lives, and continue to point them back to Jesus and to the Word of God, reminding them of its timeless truth and relevance. If you join this roster you will be on 2 times out of 10 weeks, and maybe every second term 3 times out of 10 weeks. If you are interested and would like more information (you will need to have or be able to get a blue card), please see Harrison.

### NEWCOMER'S LUNCH

Our newcomers' lunch is on today and we will be commencing around 11:30. If you have started coming to CBBC in the last 12 months, we would love for you to join us.

### SOS OUTING

The next SOS Seniors Outing is coming up on Thursday the 3rd April. This will be a sausage sizzle lunch, done in the BBQ boats on Noosa River. I'm sure this will be a wonderful time of fellowship. So if you are interested please fill out the form in the foyer

### SOCCER MINISTRY HOME GAME DATES

In the gallery we have our dates for our soccer games up with a list of all the jobs that need to be done. If you are available and keen, please put your name down on the sheets. Some of these dates may be subject to some change, but we will inform you if that happens.