Jeremiah 29:11 NLT For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Psalm 27: 13-14 NLT Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. 14 Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.

Ephesians 1:3 NLT All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Romans 5:5 NLT And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Ephesians 3: 14-21 NLT When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

2 Timothy 1:13-14 NLT

Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

Ephesians 1:10 AMPC [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.

Eph 1:22-23 AMPC And He has put all things under His feet and <u>has appointed</u> Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], 23 Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in

all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMPC Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

Colossians 1: 9-14 CSB Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth:

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Redemption: g0629. apolytrōsis; from a compound of 575 and 3083; (the act) ransom in full, i.e. (figuratively) riddance, or (specially) Christian salvation: — deliverance, redemption.

AV (10) - redemption 9, deliverance 1;

- 1. a releasing effected by payment of ransom
 - A. redemption, deliverance
 - B. liberation procured by the payment of a ransom

Ephesians 1:1-2 TPT Dear friends,

My name is Paul, and I was chosen by God to be an apostle of Jesus, the Messiah. 2 I'm writing this letter to all the devoted believers who have been made holy by being one with Jesus, the Anointed One. May God himself, the heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, release grace over you and impart total well-being into your lives.

Ephesians 1:1-2 NLT This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. 2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Ephesians 1:1-2 AMP Paul, an apostle (special messenger, personally **chosen** representative) of Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed), **by the will of God**

[that is, by His purpose and choice], To the saints (God's people) who are at Ephesus and are faithful and loyal and steadfast in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace g1515. eirēnē; probably from a primary verb εἴρω eirō (to join); peace (literally or figuratively); by implication, prosperity: — one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

AV (92) - peace 89, one 1, rest 1, quietness 1;

- 1. a state of national tranquillity
 - A. exemption from the rage and havoc of war
- 2. peace between individuals, i.e. harmony, concord
- 3. security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)
- 4. of the Messiah's peace
 - A. the way that leads to peace (salvation)
- 5. of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is
- 6. the blessed state of devout and upright men after death

Peace h7965. šâlôm; or shalom; from 7999; safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace: — x do, familiar, x fare, favour, + friend, x great, (good) health, (x perfect, such as be at) peace(able, -ably), prosper(-ity, -ous), rest, safe(-ty), salute, welfare, (x all is, be) well, x wholly.

AV (236) - peace 175, well 14, peaceably 9, welfare 5, salute + h7592 4, prosperity 4, did 3, safe 3, health 2, peaceable 2, misc 15;

- 1. completeness, soundness, welfare, peace
 - B. completeness (in number)
 - C. safety, soundness (in body)
 - D. welfare, health, prosperity
 - E. peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment
 - F. peace, friendship

- 1. of human relationships
- 2. with God especially in covenant relationship
- G. peace (from war)
- H. peace (as adjective)

Verse 1 **Chosen/by the will**: **g2307**. thelēma; from the prolonged form of 2309; a determination (properly, the thing), i.e. (actively) choice (specially, purpose, decree; abstractly, volition) or (passively) inclination: — desire, pleasure, will.

AV (64) - will 62, desire 1, pleasure 1;

- 1. what one wishes or has determined shall be done
 - B. of the purpose of God to bless mankind through Christ
 - C. of what God wishes to be done by us
 - 1. commands, precepts
- 2. will, choice, inclination, desire, pleasure
- * **CHOSE g1586**. eklegomai; middle voice from 1537 and 3004 (in its primary sense); to select: make choice, choose (out), chosen.
- AV (21) choose 19, choose out 1, make choice 1;
- 1. to pick out, choose, to pick or choose out for one's self
 - A. choosing one out of many, i.e. Jesus choosing his disciples
 - B. choosing one for an office
 - C. of God choosing whom he judged fit to receive his favours and separated from the rest of mankind to be peculiarly his own and to be attended continually by his gracious oversight
 - 1. i.e. the Israelites
 - D. of God the Father choosing Christians, as those whom he set apart from the irreligious multitude as dear unto himself, and whom he has rendered, through faith in Christ, citizens in the Messianic kingdom: (James 2:5) so that the ground of the choice lies in Christ and his merits only
- **1Cor 1:28-31 NIV** God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and

redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

1 COR 12:28 AMPC

So <u>God has **appointed**</u> some in the church [for His own use]: first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers; then wonder-workers; then those with ability to heal the sick; helpers; administrators; [speakers in] different (unknown) tongues.

Blessed g2127. eulogeō; from a compound of 2095 and 3056; to speak well of, i.e. (religiously) to bless (thank or invoke a benediction upon, prosper): — bless, praise.

- 1. to praise, celebrate with praises
- 2. to invoke blessings
- 3. to consecrate a thing with solemn prayers
 - A. to ask God's blessing on a thing
 - B. pray God to bless it to one's use
 - C. pronounce a consecratory blessing on
- 4. of God
 - A. to cause to prosper, to make happy, to bestow blessings on
 - B. favoured of God, blessed

Holy g0040. hagios; from ἄγος hagos (an awful thing) (compare 53, 2282); sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated): — (most) holy (one, thing), **saint**.

1. most holy thing, a saint

Blameless g0299. amōmos; from 1 (as a negative particle) and 3470; unblemished (literally or figuratively): — without blame (blemish, fault, spot), faultless, unblamable.

- 1. without blemish
 - A. as a sacrifice without spot or blemish
- 2. morally: without blemish, faultless, unblameable

Romans 6:17-18 TPT And God is pleased with you, for in the past you were servants of sin, but now your obedience is heart deep, and your life is being molded by truth through the teaching you are devoted to. 18 And now you celebrate your freedom from your former master—sin. You've left its bondage, and now God's perfect righteousness holds power over you as his loving servants.