

Renewing Our Vision for 2021  
“Our Relationship with God Established”  
Ephesians 1:13-14

**God’s Commitment to His Children**

God’s Commitment to Giving Us Everything (Eph. 1:3-5)

He has **blessed us** beyond what we see or understand  
He **chose us** before creation for innocence in His presence  
He **predestined** us to adoption and beneficiaries

Our Benefits Through God’s Beloved Jesus (Eph. 1:6-12)

**Redemption** from a world hostile to God through His blood  
**Forgiveness** of everything we do that offends God  
**Revelation** through Jesus about God’s will for us in this Life  
**An Inheritance Secured**

**TODAY: Our Relationship with God Established**

*Relationships are important to two parties!  
There are reasons for wanting to be in a relationship.  
We can want a Relationship in order  
to Heal, Learn, Share Love, Share Life and Purpose.*

**Our Relationship with God Established (Eph 1:13-14)**

**1. We heard the message of truth; the good news about salvation through Jesus. (Eph. 1:13)**

A relationship requires knowing what another person brings to the table.

A relationship requires considering the personal advantages and what we really want from life.

GOD GIVES FREELY: WE HAVE A CHOICE

**2. We are children of God because we trusted Jesus to establish our relationship with God. (Eph. 1:13)**

We absolutely need redemption, forgiveness, learning, security and a relationship with God. WE SIMPLY TRUST

**3. God’s commitment to us was sealed (secured) when He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us grow as His children.**

We are born of the Spirit- John 1:12-13; 3:1-8

The Spirit in us helps us learn and grow as God’s children.  
John 14:16-18; 14:26; 15:26-27. GOD HELPS US

**4. The Spirit in us gives us security that our inheritance is a sure thing and our completed redemption will come.**

The Holy Spirit is what we have right now.

Our focus in life needs to be Spirit led.

**Our Relationship with God through the Spirit**

*“The Holy Spirit in Us is God’s Help to continue learning from Jesus and know what God wants us to do in our life.” John 14:16-18; 14:26; 15:26-27.*

- **The Holy Spirit works in us as we are deliberate in learning from Jesus. *Relational Understanding***

The Bible: Prayers, Understanding, Surrender.

- **The Holy Spirit works in us as we spend time with God talking and listening. *Relational Communion***

The value of deliberately focusing and journaling.