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- The verse actually functions as a sort of topic sentence for the rest of the letter, as Paul goes about explaining just how rich we are as a result of our adoption into God’s household (see also 1:18–19, 3:8, 3:16ff).

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- Obviously, personal culpability with regard to sin is a key part of the gospel message (Isaiah 59:2, Eph. 2:1-3, 4:22, 5:8, 5:15). In addition, we must choose, of our own free will, to come to God through Christ (Eph. 4:20-24, 1:13).

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- In other words, Biblical predestination is not personal, but general, referring to the plan (Rom. 8:29–30, Acts 2:23, 1 Peter 1:20–22, Is. 9:1–4).

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- God is not egotistical, by the way. It is simply a part of His nature and character to promote truth — whether it is moral truth, scientific truth, or the truth of His divine supremacy. He cannot deny His own glory (1:17) with false modesty or comparisons.



The gospel provides the answers we've been looking for. With all "wisdom and insight" (vv. 8–9) the mysteries of human origin, purpose, and ultimate destination have been revealed. This is why the Gentiles were so eager to believe (v. 13).

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