

THE SPILLED BEANS
GOD'S NEW FAMILY- Part 2
January 21, 2024

THE PASSAGE: Ephesians 1:4-14

GOD IS INTENTIONAL/PURPOSEFUL/DETERMINED

Paul "Spills the Beans" on the _____ of God's Will

v. 3- *revelation*; v. 5- *reveal* = _____ (Greek)

Significance of "We/Us" Vs. " _____ "

Paul has a Hebrew/Biblical _____

The Greeks emphasized _____;

The Bible emphasizes God's _____ of power

Q. Is God Sovereign or does man have free will? _____

Q. Does God choose to save a group or specific _____?

God wants _____ people to be saved

Jesus gave himself a ransom for _____

God isn't willing that _____ should perish

Fill-ins: *Mystery; apocalypse; Ya'll; perspective/vocabulary; power ;restraint; YES; individuals; all; all; any*

Works of the following consulted: Jack Cottrell, Andrew Farley, Dave Hunt, William G. MacDonald, Tim Mackie, Oren R. Martin, Larry Osborne, Mont Smith, Ben Witherington

Life Group Questions for the Week of January 21, 2024

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Discuss all the different ways you can think of that God has purposed, planned and taken initiative to bring back to himself "whosoever" would trust him? Which amaze you the most?

3. Discuss the relationship between God's sovereignty and human free will.

4. Tim Keller said, "The gospel is an exclusive truth but it's the most inclusive exclusive truth in the world." How do you understand and would explain this idea according to the Bible?

5. How should you view and treat others who don't agree with your understanding of God's sovereignty and humans' free will?