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learned men can grasp them. We are often startled at the clear knowledge of truth that some uneducated people display. It is because grace makes them to abound in the knowledge of His will. Paul gives thanks for the Corinthians "that in everything you were enriched by Him in all utterance and all knowledge." And Christ gave thanks to the Father, "because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

This knowledge of His will takes in things to come—*Unto the dispensation of the fulness of times, to sum up all things in Christ.* No knowledge of His will is complete that does not include the final heading up of all things in heaven and earth, in Christ, who shall be the center and administrator of all.

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance. The saints being in Him, are by His grace made joint heirs with Him to all things so that it is true that "All things are yours . . . and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." Such is the place of the saints in the purpose of God.

5. THE SEALING (vs. 13, 14).

Having selected us before the foundation of the world, and predetermined our future rank as sons of God, and having redeemed us by His own blood, and made known to us His eternal counsel, and given us a joint heirship with Christ, He last of all sets upon us the seal, which binds the transaction as eternal.

A seal has a threefold force. It is a sign of ownership; it is a ratification of a transaction—giving it authority and causing it to take effect; and it is a pledge of its protection and execution. Says Prof. Findley: The seal "is a bond between God and man; a sign at once of what we are and shall be to God, and of what He is and will be to