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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This month's article is "[God's Manifesto of Human Rights and Privileges](#)." After last month's article was troubling to some,¹ I thought it might be useful to show the good things that God has in store for each one of us, and for all human beings. We will all become mature children of God. This month's article is a reformatting of Chapter 26 of Dr. Martin's book [Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#) (free online).

While it was Dr. Martin's desire for *Essentials* to be read from the beginning. There are times when exceptions must be made. My hope is that reading this month's article will motivate you to read or reread all of *Essentials* from beginning to end. Sometimes it is useful to read ahead and then reread the beginning of a book. This is one of those times.

What Is A Manifesto?

According to *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 5th Edition, a "[Manifesto](#)" is a noun defined as ...

1. **A public declaration of principles, policies, or intentions, especially of a political nature.**
2. **A public declaration, as of a sovereign or government, or of any person or body of persons, making known certain intentions, or proclaiming certain opinions and motives in reference to some act or course of conduct done or contemplated; in general, a proclamation.**
3. **A public declaration, usually of a prince, sovereign, or other person claiming large powers, showing his intentions, or proclaiming his opinions and motives in reference to some act done or contemplated by him."**
4. **A public declaration of principles, policies, or intentions, especially that of a political party.**
5. **A public declaration of intentions (as issued by a political party or government)."**

These definitions are somewhat repetitive, but all agree on one point: a manifesto certainly is "a public declaration." This article fits each of the definitions.

God's "Manifesto" is spiritual, and it comes from the only true **sovereign**, the creator of every creature, and all non-living things. It is "**a public declaration**" given to the apostle Paul to present to the world, and has been available for at least two thousand years. Its authority was conceived before the eons began, to the conclusion of the eons. It expresses God's intentions, opinions, motives, and His future course of conduct toward every human being (and every intelligent being). It explains the purpose of creation as well as God's purpose when He created **YOU**.

God's Manifesto also explains what happened before you were born — as well as how and why God has done His will through His creation, and how He will accomplish His will toward **YOU** and **all** human beings. Christ made all creation **for YOU**, and He sent His Son to die **for YOU**. God raised His Son **for YOU**, to make **YOU** righteous before Him, so Christ can bring **YOU** before His Father. Trust God and Christ. Ask for more faith. Ask for more of God's Holy Spirit. Ask for more opportunities for good works, to enhance your rewards — an honorable desire and goal.

¹ "[The Magnitude of the End Time Crisis](#)," the article for April 2022. I anticipate writing "Magnitude, Part 2." DWS

God's Lottery

God's Manifesto is also the place in Scripture where the teaching of God's "lottery" is set forth by the apostle Paul as he explains why, when, and where in time of creation we would be born. God apparently did not choose some aspects of your life. He established a random system of allotments,² like the casting of lots, similar to the system that decided the distribution of the land when the tribes of Israel settled in the land God promised to them. The lottery was conducted down to the individual family level. The "allotment" of land was decided by casting lots. There were rules.

"To many you shall give the more inheritance [allotment], and to few you shall give the less inheritance: to everyone shall his inheritance [allotment] be given according to those that were numbered of him. Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by LOT: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit [shall be allotted]. According to the LOT shall the possession [allotment] thereof be divided between many and few."

• **Numbers 26:54–56 (see also Numbers 34:13)**

"And you shall divide the land BY LOT for an inheritance [allotment] among your families: and to the more you shall give the more inheritance [allotment], and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance [allotment]: every man's inheritance [not in the Hebrew] shall be in the place where his LOT falls; according to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit [the allotment]."

• **Numbers 33:54**

Similarly, you were born according to a lottery conducted by God. He did not choose when or where you were to be born (although God did so for some individuals, apparently exceptions to the rule). God did not choose where you were born or the social status of your birth. He decided to use a lottery, in most cases random, yet God can intervene as He wishes.

God decides the extent of your life (Job 12:10, 14:5; Psalm 39:4; Luke 12:20 in a parable; Revelation 1:18). God shortens some lives (Ecclesiastes 7:17) and extends other lives (2 Kings 20:6, King Hezekiah as one example). God moves people around the world (Acts 17:26): individuals, groups, and even nations, for His own reasons according to His will (the exiles of the peoples of Israel and Judah, for example).

Just as Christ was God's principal agent in creation, so too Christ is also His principal agent in the salvation of mankind to fulfill God's will as stated in 1 Timothy 2:3–6. Also, as God's Manifesto states, He does all things according to His own will (Ephesians 1:11). God and Christ do all these things for YOU.

Thank You

The reality of "God's Manifesto of Human Rights and Privileges" cannot be understood by the mere outline God provides through Paul. You will only begin to understand it when you experience it once you, me, and all believers are raised from the dead to immortality at Christ's return. Death is not the end.

At ASK our job, our function, is to present information that God provides in the Bible, to show the truths of God as we understand them. What we present is radical, but only to traditional Christian teaching that strays from biblical truths.

God loves each one of us more than we can imagine. After our deaths we shall be made alive and realize just how much He does love us. You have more rights and privileges than you can imagine, and you have been blessed by God to learn them now, at this time in your life. The billions of people who lived since Adam will necessarily learn them later in a physical resurrection, when they will learn what we are learning now. Thank you for financially supporting the work that we do, and supporting us with your prayers and encouragements. May God bless your efforts and bless the efforts of ASK as well.

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² This is implied by the use of the word "lot" or "lots" being cast or thrown down to obtain results. Can God use chance? Yes, if He chooses to do so.