

# Verse Mapping

Welcome to verse mapping! Verse mapping is used to help you understand God's character more by understanding His Word more. Through this process, you will also be equipped to dissect and handle God's word on your own. Start by printing a template from the bottom of this guide (Pages 4-5), or grab a sheet of paper and copy the template yourself. As you walk through the instructions of verse mapping, you can follow the example given on pages 6-7.

Note: This can be used on your own or in a 1-on-1 setting. If this is done in a 1-on-1, it is best if the leader has already gone through the process of verse mapping before teaching it to someone else.

1. **VERSE** - Select your verse(s) to map and write the verse address in the box labeled "VERSE." (For example, "Ephesians 1:5")
2. In a circle in the middle of the page, write out the verse(s) that you are mapping.
3. **CONTEXT** - Who wrote it? When was it written? Around what big events was it written? To whom was the verse written to? Why was this verse written? What cultural context is important to know? Write down any other context needed to understand the usage of the verse.
4. **TRANSLATIONS** - Write the verse down in a couple other translations. Some recommended translations are NIV, ESV, NLT, NASB, NKJV. One translation might use a different word than the others and can help you open your mind to different ways of understanding the verse(s).
5. **TAKE NOTE** - In the verse that is in the middle of your page, highlight or underline words that stand out to you or words that differ across the translations. The purpose of this is because different words might stand out to you that you want to study on a deeper level.
6. **WORD STUDY** - At this point, you should have words or phrases underlined in your verse(s) in the middle of your page. For each word/phrase that is underlined, you are going to draw another circle that is connected to that word or phrase (See example at the bottom). Feel free to draw as many connections as you would like. The following steps are broken into "beginner word study" and "advanced word study." The "beginner word study" is a simple reflection on each word. The "advanced word study" is for those who are interested in understanding the Greek/Hebrew meaning of the word. If you choose to do the beginner word study, feel free to completely skip over the advanced word study section.
  - a. **BEGINNER WORD STUDY**
    - i. In each of the circles that are connected to the words/phrases that stood out to you, write down a more in depth definition of the word/phrase. Feel free to write the definitions in your own words or use a dictionary for more accurate help.
  - b. **ADVANCED WORD STUDY**

- i. Use a source that has an interlinear Bible. A recommended and easy source to use is [Biblehub.com](https://www.biblehub.com) or the Biblehub app. The following steps are how to use Biblehub for the word study:

1. In the search bar, search for your verse(s), one verse at a time.
2. When the verse appears, click the tab that says “INT” or “Interlin” as shown in the picture below.



3. You should see the verse in Greek/Hebrew and English.
4. Find the word that correlates with the highlighted/underlined word that you are looking for. For example, Ephesians 1:5 says “he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will” (NIV). For this example, let’s say that you are interested in the word “pleasure.” Finding this word on Biblehub would look like the following image:

2107 [e]  
eudokian  
εὐδοκίαν  
good pleasure  
N-AFS

5. This section is not necessary information, but it is helpful to know so that you can explore deeper studies of the Bible on your own. What do each of the numbers, words, and symbols mean in the above image?
  - a. 2107 - This is known as “Strong’s number” which is part of a concordance made by James Strong. Basically, Strong’s concordance is a list where every word in the Bible was put in alphabetical order and then given a number. In this example, the word “pleasure” that we are studying is 2107 in Strong’s concordance. This is helpful because you can study where else this exact word, labeled #2107, is used in the Bible so that you can understand its usage better.
  - b. eudokian - This is the transliteration.
  - c. εὐδοκίαν - This is the actual Greek word that is used when the writer wrote this.
  - d. “Good pleasure” - Easy. This is the English translation of the word.
  - e. N-AFS - This is information about the Greek word, such as its part of speech, the tense, whether it’s singular or plural, etc.
6. Click on the Strong’s number (In this example, it is 2107).

7. After clicking the Strong's number, explore the page to help you define the word that you are studying. Write some insight or definitions that you find in the circle that you have drawn for that specific word study.
  8. Note: There is a column on the page labeled "Englishman's Concordance." Searching through that column helps you to see every verse that uses the same Greek word that you are looking at.
7. **CROSS REFERENCES** - Write down any other verses that remind you of the verse(s) that you chose. You might be reminded of another verse because of specific words, themes, etc.
- a. Note: You can also use resources to find cross referenced Scripture. This can also be done on [Biblehub.com](http://Biblehub.com) by searching the verse(s) that you selected one verse at a time and selecting the tab labeled "PAR" or "Parallel." Write out the verses that you cross reference. This is so that you can have a deeper understanding of God's Word, allowing Scripture to explain Scripture.



8. **What Does This Reveal About God?** - This is especially a time of prayer. Write down what your study reveals about God's character, His promises, His warnings, etc.
9. **What Does This Reveal About Man/Self?** - This is especially a time of prayer. Write down what your study reveals about the man's nature, man's relationship with God, yourself, etc.
10. **REFLECTION & APPLICATION** - Based on your study, what do you need to do to make your life align with Scripture? Are there promises/hope that Scripture says that you should walk by but you don't? Allow the Holy Spirit to make you more like Jesus in this moment.
11. **PRAYER** - Write down a prayer based on the study that you did. What do you want to communicate to God? What do you want to praise Him for? How do you want Him to align your life with Scripture? This is your own personal moment with the Lord.

Concluding Questions if you did this for a 1 on 1

- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about yourself?
- What did you learn about your relationship with God?
- What did you learn about studying the Bible?
- How can you incorporate verse mapping into your life?
- Based on your study, how would you like to change to be more like Christ?



## CROSS REFERENCES

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## REFLECTION & APPLICATION

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## PRAYER

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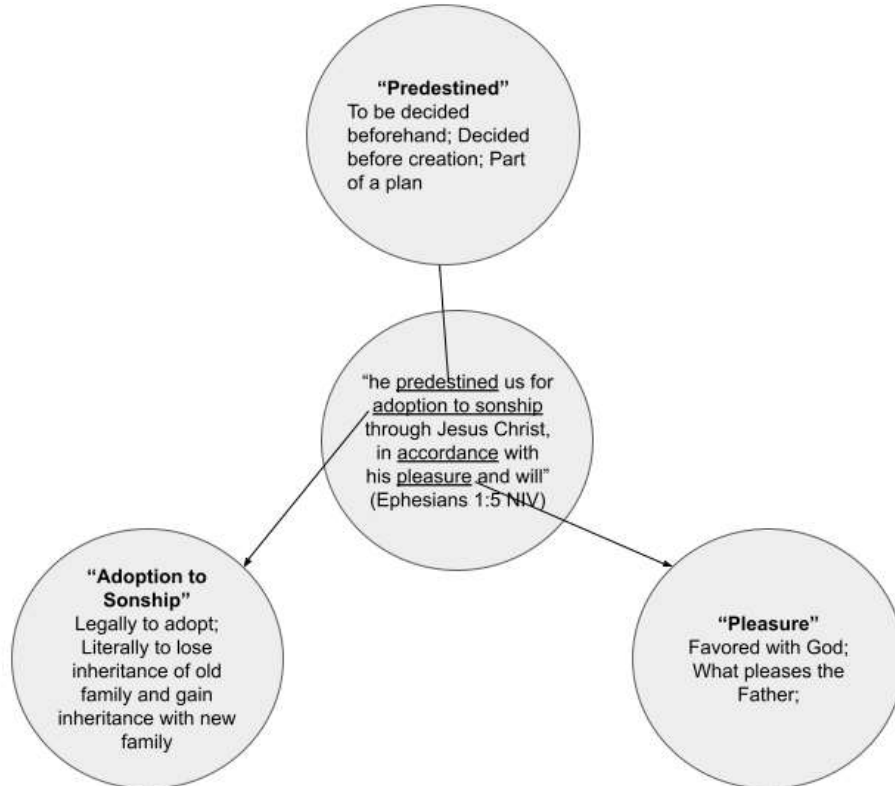
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<b>VERSE(S)</b>
Ephesians 1:5



<b>CONTEXT</b>	<b>TRANSLATIONS</b>
<p><b>WHO WROTE IT?</b> Paul</p> <p><b>WHEN?</b> Around 62 AD</p> <p><b>TO WHOM?</b> The Church in Ephesus</p> <p><b>WHY?</b> To address and instruct the Ephesians on conduct and unity as those who are in Christ</p> <p><b>OTHER IMPORTANT CONTEXT:</b> Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter.</p>	<p>ESV - <u>having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will</u></p> <p>NASB - <u>He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will</u></p> <p>NLT - <u>God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure</u></p> <p>NKJV - <u>having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

## CROSS REFERENCES

Luke 2:14 - Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his *favor rests*.

Romans 8:29-30 - For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

Luke 12:32 - Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

Galatians 4:4-7 - But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

### *What Does This Reveal about God?*

God is the one who created the plan in the beginning and finished it with Jesus Christ; He is the orchestrator; It brings God great pleasure to redeem us; He is pleased to give us the Kingdom and an inheritance; God sends His Spirit to dwell in us. It is only by having Him within us that we can be heirs to His Kingdom

### *What Does This Reveal About Man/Self?*

Man was meant to be in God's image; We had to be adopted into God's family, meaning that we were part of the family of this world, sin, and evil; We deserved the inheritance of this world: God's wrath; Through having faith in Him, I am a child of God and am an heir; I am justified because I am His child, which isn't of my own work, but it is only through Jesus's death and resurrection that I could be adopted

## REFLECTION & APPLICATION

I was part of another family, and He brought me in to a new family. I am identified as a child of God, and no other identification in my life could ever matter. No accolades or accomplishments of this life define me because I was defined by Him from the beginning of time.

Though I was once part of the family of this world and am rescued from it, I still have family and friends who have not accepted the adoption into God's family.

## PRAYER

Father, thank you for always wanting me to be your child, to be in your image. Thank you for declaring from the beginning of time that you would redeem me and restore my relationship with you. I pray that, everyday, I recognize the weight of what you have done for me and that I have purely an expression of joy. I ask that your joy of salvation acts as an armor on me against any temptations or trials.

Would you also burden my heart, Lord? It pleases You to give your children the Kingdom. Therefore, would you help me to please you by granting me boldness to share the good news of salvation with others.