

Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

October 17-18, 2020

Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.



The Free Will of Man

- The Gospel message is the truth, that Jesus died for us to bring us to God. We have been given free will to choose to accept Jesus into our hearts and follow the kingdom way. In Ephesians 1:12 we put our **trust** in Christ. In verse 13 we were included in Christ; we heard the message of truth, the gospel of salvation – which we can only have when we believe. This requires action for us and exercises our free will. It is our choice to follow and accept Jesus.

Sovereignty of God

- When talking about the Sovereignty of God, we are talking about His supreme power and authority. There is no one or thing greater than Him in all creation! He can do what He wants when He wants! God is amazing! He knows who will accept Him and who won't accept Him!

God's sovereign election and man's exercise of responsibility in choosing Jesus Christ seem opposite and irreconcilable.

- One extreme example is people who feel that God is in control of all events, that all decisions have been made.
- Another extreme example is those who feel insecure about their salvation.
- Our challenge is to learn to guide our way through these two extremes or we will miss the point of God's work in our lives.

They work together to bring great assurance of our salvation in Christ.

- Recognize that He is the supreme ruler of the universe and appreciate that He is ultimately loving. Thank Him for the future guarantee He has given us – the Holy Spirit. Trust His goodness. Trust when the Bible says He *“wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”* 1 Timothy 2:4.

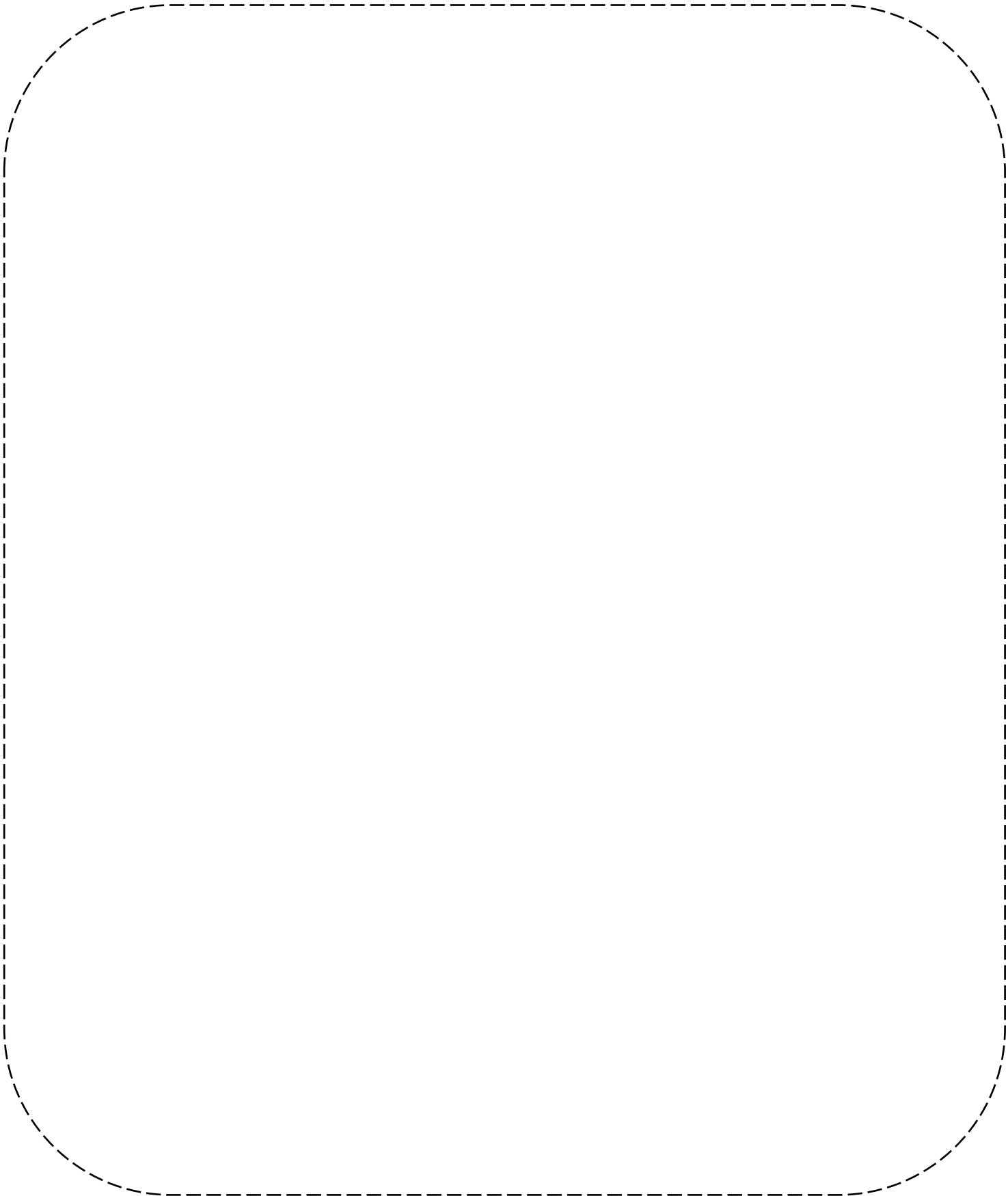
Some questions to discuss as a family:

How do you respond to knowing God is sovereign and has given us a free will to choose our destiny?

How has practicing gratitude been going?

Have there been any people with whom you have had the opportunity to share the GOOD NEWS of Jesus?

DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU LEARNED TODAY



Family Challenge

Spend time baking together as a family this weekend!

Check out the Heartland Kids weekly lesson page for this month's colouring contest!
Make sure to send in your submissions to be entered for prizes!

Submissions – kids@heartlandalliance.ca.

Word Search

This week there is a new challenge! See how many of the following words you can find below. You can send your finished word searches in to kids@heartlandalliance.ca or take a picture and tag us on social media!

Trust	Praise
Gospel	Glory
Salvation	Acceptance
Christ	Believe
Sovereignty	Ephesians

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