

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Ephesians 1:9-12

God Does Things on Purpose (1:9, 10, 11)

God Has a People He Is Creating

God redeemed us to create a _____ out of us

- ♦ Abram (*Gen. 12:1-2*)
- ♦ Israel (*Ex. 6:6-7*)
- ♦ Individuals now (*Titus 2:14; Col. 1:13-14*)
- ♦ A glimpse of the future (*Rev. 7:9-12*)

God Has a Purpose for History

God has a _____ that He is working (*1:10-11; Ro. 8:18, 28*)

God's plan: _____ all things under the headship of Christ

- ♦ God's plan centers on Jesus (*1:9, "set forth in Christ"*)

- ♦ Unite all things in Christ (*1:10*) -- "*anakephalaioō*" (*Ro. 13:9*)

- ♦ Everything under the headship of Christ (*1:20-23; Col. 1:16-18; Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 21:22-23, 22:3-5*)

God's plan and purpose will _____ (*1:14*)

- ♦ "Plan" (*1:10*) -- "*oikonomia*"

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

"Worthy are you for by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

"Amen"

[from *Rev. 4 & 5*]