

God's Plan in Christ

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Eph 1:3-12

1 ³"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. ⁵He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his

grace ⁸which he lavished upon us. ⁹For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fulness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him, according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory.

God speaks to us in Scripture. In his inspired Word, God reveals himself and his plan for us. Answer the following questions.

1. What does the above passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reveal about who God is?

Answers may include he is our loving Father and he has redeemed us in Christ.

2. What does this passage reveal about God's plan for us?

He desired from all eternity to unite us to himself as his beloved sons and daughters.

3. Which verse strikes you the most from this passage? Why?

Answers may vary.