

**Ephesians 1:1-11**  
**Why Did God Create the World?**

*God's eternal purpose is to reveal His glorious grace to His adopted sons and daughters that results in them valuing Christ above everything and becoming the means of unity and love within His Body, the church.*

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the **will** of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the **purpose** of his **will**,

Ephesians 1:9 making known to us the mystery of his **will**, according to his **purpose**, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the **purpose** of him who works all things according to the counsel of his **will**,

*What is God's ultimate purpose in everything?*

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of **Christ Jesus** by the **will of God**, To the **saints** who are in Ephesus, and are faithful **in Christ Jesus**:

Ephesians 1:2 **Grace** to you and **peace** from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

*Grace + Peace*

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed (*worthy of praise*) be the **God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us **in Christ** with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places**,

Ephesians 1:4-5 even as he (Father) chose us (saints) in him (Christ Jesus) before the **foundation of the world**, that we (saints) should be **holy** and **blameless** (without blemish) before him (Father). In **love** he (Father) **predestined** us (saints)

for **adoption to himself** (Father) as **sons** through **Jesus Christ**, according to the **purpose of his (Father) will**,

*Grace + Peace + Holy + Blameless + Love + Adoption*

Ephesians 1:6 to **the praise of his glorious grace**, with which he (Father) has blessed us (saints) in the Beloved (Christ Jesus).

Ephesians 1:7 In him (Christ Jesus) we have **redemption** (*deliverance, procured by the payment of a ransom*) through his (Christ Jesus) blood, the **forgiveness of our (saints) trespasses**, according to the **riches of his grace**,

1Peter 1:18 knowing that you were **ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, **not with perishable things such as silver or gold**,

1Peter 1:19 but with the **precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb **without blemish or spot**.

1Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was **made manifest in the last times for the sake of you**

Colossians 2:13 And you, who were dead in your **trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having **forgiven us all our trespasses**,

*Grace + Peace + Holy + Blameless + Love + Adoption + Redemption + Forgiveness*

Ephesians 1:8 which he lavished (grace) upon us, in all **wisdom** and **insight**

Ephesians 1:9 **making known** to us **the mystery** of his will, according to his (Father) purpose, which he (Father) set forth **in Christ**

Colossians 1:26 the **mystery** hidden for ages and generations but now **revealed to his saints**.

Colossians 1:27 To them **God chose to make known** how great among the Gentiles are the **riches of the glory** of this **mystery**, which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Ephesians 1:10 as a **plan** for the **fullness of time**, to **unite all things in him** (Christ Jesus), things in heaven and things on earth.

Galatians 4:4 But when the **fullness of time** had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Ephesians 1:11 In him (Christ) we have **obtained an inheritance**, having been **predestined** according to the **purpose** of him **who works all things according to the counsel of his will**,

Isaiah 46:9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isaiah 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, '**My counsel** shall stand, and I will accomplish all **my purpose**,'

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Forgiveness + Inheritance*

Ephesians 1:12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the **praise of his glory**.

1Peter 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people** for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him** who **called you** out of **darkness** into his **marvelous light**.

1Peter 2:10 Once you were **not a people**, but now you are **God's people**; once you had **not received mercy**, but now **you have received mercy**.

Isaiah 43:20 The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

Isaiah 43:21 the people whom I formed for myself **that they might declare my praise.**

Isaiah 60:21 Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, **that I might be glorified.**

God has lavished His grace upon us to the point that we as Holy and Blameless, able to stand in His presence in total freedom, without fear, able to be forget self because we are overcome by the glory of His glorious grace. God by bringing us to our greatest pleasure fulfills the purpose of His will to **unite all things in Christ Jesus**, things in heaven and things on earth.

*Remember, Remember saints what you have already obtained!*

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