

Experiencing God's Purpose Together

“God is . . .”

Genesis 1:1-2 & John 1:1-5

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1. God's gospel begins with God and His eternal _____.

Genesis 1:1-2

John 1:1

2. The Nature of our Eternal God.

- We believe in _____ God.
Deuteronomy 6:4; Mark 12:29; Psalm 86:10; Isaiah 46:9
- God is the _____ of all things.
Nehemiah 9:6; Acts 17:24-28; Hebrews 11:3
- God is _____.
Isaiah 6:3-7; Exodus 15:11; Habakkuk 1:13; 1 Peter 1:16
- God is infinitely _____.
Psalm 145:3; Romans 11:33-36
- God is _____.
1 John 4:8 and 16
- The one God is _____.
Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:8-10; John 15:26; Matthew 3:16-17

3. The working out of God's eternal purposes.

- From eternity God has purposed to _____.
2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2
- God works with limitless _____ and sovereign _____.
Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 46:10
- God will redeem a people for _____.
Revelation 7:9-10
- God will make all things _____.
Romans 8:19-21; Revelation 21:1-5
- God will act for His own _____.
Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 5:13

FURTHER STUDY:

Theologians refer to the mission of God as the missio dei. It is God's particular passion behind all that He does. From Genesis to Revelation, in the gentle whispers of the wind to the resounding echoes of His powerful Word, all things exist and are being worked according to the particular passion, pleasure, purpose and plan of the triune God. (Ephesians 1:11)

⇒ What is that purpose of God?

Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and answer these questions:

(notice also Isaiah 43:6-7, 48:9-11, Ezekiel 20:14)

1. What are some recurring references you see in this passage that are also echoed in the other passages listed?
2. Based on this, how would you articulate the mission of God?
⇒ Are there other scriptures that come to mind that support what you believe the mission of God to be?
3. What do we learn from Ephesians 1:3-6 about God's choice of us, His gifts to us and His purpose for us?
4. How does knowing you are “adopted” and “chosen” affect your view of God and of yourself before God?
5. In vv. 7-14 we are shown this same people of faith in process of redemption from sin. What parts are played in this work by:
a) God the Father b) God the Son c) God the Holy Spirit
⇒ Of what benefits are we assured here?
6. How is the church to participate in demonstrating the glory of God?
⇒ How does our unity or lack thereof either demonstrate the glory of God or not?
⇒ Why is unity so important to God in the demonstration of His glory?