

Who Is This Guy God?
A Super-Natural God Pt 1
Ephes 1: 4 -14
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A. God's Sovereignty and Our Free Will

Ephes. 1:4 Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

God's Sovereignty: The reality that....

1. God is in active control of all of His creation,
2. He exercises His **Divine will** as He does as He chooses,
3. God's **Permissive will** leaves us with free will in the context of His control and divine will.

B. God's Design for His Creation; A Family, with YOU as a part of it.

Ephes. 1:5-8 His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the wonderful kindness he has poured out on us because we belong to his dearly loved Son. He is so rich in kindness that he purchased our freedom through the blood of his Son, and our sins are forgiven. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Belonging to God's Family:

1. Comes thru **adoption**, becoming a co-heir with Jesus.
2. The obstacle of sin has to be **overcome**.
3. Sin is overcome only through the sacrifice of Jesus.

C. The Mystery Revealed:

Ephes. 1:9-12 God's secret plan has now been revealed to us; it is a plan centered on Christ, designed long ago according to his good pleasure. And this is his plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because of Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us from the beginning, and all things happen just as he decided long ago. God's purpose was that we who were the first to trust in Christ should praise our glorious God.

God's Secret Plan:

1. Grows out of His own passionate desire.
2. Jesus Christ will become the literal and visible **ruler** over all God's creation.
3. Is made possible only through grace, and it cannot be earned.

4. Includes universal access to God's family.

D. The Trinity

Ephes. 1:12-14 God's purpose was that we who were the first to trust in Christ should praise our glorious God. And now you also have heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us everything he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God.

Roles of the Godhead:

God the Father - Master Orchestrator and Lover .

Jesus the Son - Redeemer and Role Model.

Holy Spirit - Enabler and Guarantor.