GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE



EPHESIANS 3:10-11

I. The eternal purpose of God is accomplished in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:10-11).



 How has the church been able to make known the eternal purpose of God?

 How amazed and sobered are you by your role in the eternal purpose of God?

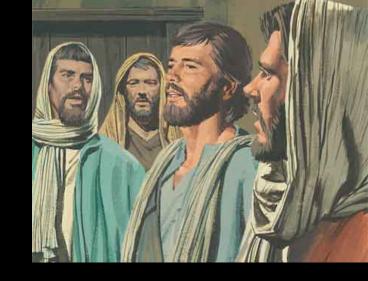
II. The eternal purpose of God was first announced to Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3.



 How was the promise clarified to Jacob (Genesis 28:14)?

 How are you a part of the innumerable descendants of Jacob? (John 1:51)

III. Israel repeatedly sang Psalms about God's purpose (Psalm 22:27, 30-31).



- How would Israel inherit the rest of the nations (Psalm 2:8)?
- How do you think Jesus felt when He sang Psalm 118:17 at the supper?
- What do these psalms stir up in your heart and awaken in your will?

IV. The prophets announced the eternal purpose of God (Isaiah 2:2-3, 5).



- How are the words of these prophets applicable to the eternal purpose of God?
 (Daniel 2:44; Malachi 1:11 & Isaiah 53:10b)
- How do these prophets call you to a deeper devotion to the task of Christ?

V. The eternal purpose of God involves us continuing to live out John 14:9.



 What had Philip seen in the character of Christ to make this question unnecessary?

 What needs to change in our lives so that people will say Acts 4:13 about us?

Call to Action: To devote our whole lives to the eternal purpose of God?



- What in our lives is revealing God's purpose?
- Why does God bless those who bless His servants?
- Why should we sing about God choosing to work through His people?
- How do the promises and predictions of the prophets affect your behavior?
- How are others seeing God through you?

-How can we help?