

God's Plan of Sonship: Wrapped Into Christ

[SLIDE #1]

Ezra 10:4 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴ Get up, for it is your duty to tell us how to proceed in setting things straight. We are behind you, so be strong and take action.”

Let's Proceed in setting things straight together.

[SLIDE #2]

Ephesians 1:10 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁰ *And because of God's **unfailing purpose**, this **detailed plan** will reign supreme through every period of time until the **fulfillment** of all the ages finally reaches its climax—when God makes **all things new**^[a] in all of heaven and earth **through Jesus Christ**.*

[As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek text states “God will gather together all things in fulfillment in Christ.” That is, God will unite all things under the headship of Christ.]

God's plan will reign supreme because of His unfailing purpose.

Culminating in God making all things new.

It is His unfailing purpose with a detailed plan.

Making all things new through Jesus Christ.

In Heaven and on Earth.

The Apostle Paul starts with blessings:

^{2b} *May God himself, the heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, release grace over you and impart total well-being^[c] into your lives.*

[Or “peace.” The Hebrew concept of peace means much more than tranquility.]

Shalom brothers and sisters. Total health, provision, peace and well being! Tranquility, and security, circumstances unblemished by any sort of defect. *Shalom* is a blessing, a manifestation of divine grace.

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When we accept Christ as Savior, it changes our very DNA! Do you believe God can do that?

We are new creations! May our Spiritual reality overshadow and influence our bodily reality. Transform us Lord!

[SLIDE #3]

Wrapped Into Christ

[1] Purpose: Chosen, Spoken, Ordained, Seen. [v4]

[2] Plan: Perfect Plan of the Perfect Parent [vs5-6]

[3] Fulfilled: Inheritance Bestowed [vs7-10]

[4] Sealed: in the Holy Ghost [vs11-15]

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Wrapped Into Christ [like a burrito of blessing]

Ephesians 1:3-14 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Our Sonship and the Father's Plan

³ ***Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him^[a] with all our hearts!***

[a Or “bless” (or “blessed be God”). Bless God with your whole heart! He is worthy!] Celebrate Jesus! Praise His Holy Name!

Curl up with the comforter of Christ.

Armor with the Full Armor.

Fly the flag of Jesus's freedom and redemption!

[trans: Receive the gifts He is giving us, they are deep]

[1] Purpose: Chosen, Spoken, Ordained, Seen. [v4]

⁴ ***And he chose us to be his very own, joining us to himself even before he laid the foundation of the universe!^[b]***

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[b He **spoke Sonship** and identity over us. He chose us to be his very own. As translated from the Aramaic. There is an alternate Greek translation of the unique wording of this verse that could be translated "He chose us to be a 'word' before the fall of the world."

He spoke us forth like the stars! We are speaking life with Him, active sharing of the Word in us.

He speaks us forth.

The Greek word for "chose" is *eklegomai*, which is a form of *lego* (speak). The word for "fall" (Adam's fall) is *kataboles*, which can mean "falling down," but is usually translated as "foundation" (of the world).]

Because of his great love, he **ordained**^[c] us, so that we would be seen as **holy** in his eyes with an **unstained innocence**.

[c As translated from the Aramaic. One Eastern Aramaic text can be translated "He marked us with his love." The Greek text states "predestined us" or "set us apart."]

[IL] Pick me! Pick me! And He does. He has. He always will.

[ILL] You are custom made, tailor made, made to order. Unique. Amazing! Miracle You!

He sees you as unstained. Innocent again. He makes you a virgin. Don't let the devil convince you otherwise.

You are a work of art on so many levels. Masterpiece.

Specially made by the Master. Out of the dust, in God's image and likeness. Women were made out of man, after man, so that's even more perfect. [Don't get puffed up women!]

[AP] Choose to be His. Accept His order, ordained life. Tell Him so.

Remind yourself of your purity and innocence. Often.

Open yourself to His Direction and Plan.

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[trans: Because He has a “perfect plan for you, to prosper you and for your good” Jeremiah]

Plug into the perfect plan. Submit and choose God. Eternally.

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[2] Perfect Plan of the Perfect Parent. [vs5-6]

⁵⁻⁶ *For it was always in his perfect plan^[d]*

[d Or “He marked out our horizon [destiny] beforehand.”]

to adopt^[e] us as his delightful children, through our union with Jesus, the Anointed One,

[e The Aramaic reads “to establish us.”]

so that his tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify his grace^[f]

[f Or “to the praise of the glory of his grace.”]

—for the same love he has for his Beloved One, Jesus, he has for us. And this unfolding plan brings him great pleasure!

[IL] You need a GPS to get places.

You need a degree plan to get a degree.

[AP] Ask God and others for help navigating life.

Seek Discipleship opportunities. Get in an accountability relationship with someone you trust. They are going to learn your stuff. But let them turn you to Jesus for answers in His Word and prayer. Submit to Biblical Leadership. Life Life together with Christians on the Way. Get relationship with God.

Seek quiet times and just sit with Him. Say it, “Daddy, Jesus, Holy Spirit, I’m sitting with you now. Howdy.”

Proverbs 3:1-2 The Passion Translation (TPT)

3 ¹⁻² My child, if you truly want a long and satisfying life,

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never forget the things that I've taught you.
Follow closely every truth that I've given you.
Then you will have a full, rewarding life.

[trans: our plan is to receive and accept His many, many gifts]

[SLIDE #6]

[3] Fulfillment: Inheritance Bestowed [vs7-10]

⁷ Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation^[g] of our sins

[g Or “forgiveness.” The Greek word *aphesis*, means “to send away” or “to set free” (from bondage).]

—*all because of the cascading riches^[h] of his grace.*

[h The Greek word for riches (*ploutos*) is also used to describe God's wisdom and knowledge in [Rom. 11:33](#). Just as God is all-knowing and has all-wisdom, so he has untold riches of grace available for his children.]

Romans 11:33 The Passion Translation (TPT)

³³ Who could ever wrap their minds around the riches of God, the depth of his wisdom, and the marvel of his perfect knowledge? Who could ever explain the wonder of his decisions^[a]

[Or “judgments,” which does not necessarily imply something negative]

or search out the mysterious way he carries out his plans?

⁸ This superabundant grace is already powerfully working in us,^[i]

[i Or “lavished on us.”]

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releasing within us all forms of wisdom and practical understanding. ⁹ *And through the revelation of the Anointed One, he unveiled his secret desires to us—the hidden mystery of his long-range plan, which he was delighted to implement from the very beginning of time.* ¹⁰ *And because of God's unfailing purpose, this detailed plan will reign supreme through every period of time until the fulfillment of all the ages finally reaches its climax—when God makes all things new^[j] in all of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ.*

[j As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek text states “God will gather together all things in fulfillment in Christ.” That is, God will unite all things under the headship of Christ.]

Through Jesus and His work on the Cross, His Resurrection we have Shalom. Wholistic Whole Life in Him. Way better than Term.

Remember, Shalom “refers most commonly to a person being uninjured and safe, whole and sound. In the New Testament, *shalom* is revealed as the reconciliation of all things to God through the work of Christ: “God was pleased . . . through [Christ] to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through [Christ's] blood, shed on the cross” ([Colossians 1:19–20](#)). *Shalom* experienced is multidimensional, complete well-being — physical, psychological, social, and spiritual; it flows from all of one's relationships being put right — with God, with(in) oneself, and with others.”

Colossians 1:19-22 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁹ For God is satisfied to have all his fullness^[a]

[a This includes all the fullness of God, the fullness of his plan for our lives, and the full image of God being restored into our hearts.]

dwelling in Christ. ²⁰ And by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—*back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!*^[b]

[b It literally means “back to himself.” The foundation is restored.]

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Made Holy through Christ

²¹⁻²² Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself. *He released his supernatural peace to you* through the sacrifice of his own body as the sin-payment on your behalf so that you would dwell in his presence. And now there is nothing between you and Father God, for he sees you as holy, flawless, and restored,^[c]

[c Or “without an indictment.”]

[IL] The case is closed. The court released. Halleluyah! the prodigal is home in heaven with the Holy One! Right here on Bosque Blvd!

[AP] Set yourself free. Remind yourself of freedom. Sing His praises about your freedom.

[AP] We have to Choose Christ and Christian Living in all cases. This means choosing to love.

This means choosing to forgive.

This means choosing to control our tongues.

We need to stop gossiping and complaining about others. We need to be inoffendable. We give up our rights to be offended when we choose to walk in love and forgiveness. You can still work through issues and problems and conflicts and be civil, be courteous, be loving, be kind, but be honest.

I often downplay things to avoid conflict. This leads to misleading communication. I also have complained. This is character defamation and gossip. Even if it is true, it is still hurtful and unneeded. I need to go to the person, not seven others. If that doesn't work, we take a couple of people and go to them about the issue. If that does not work, we get to talk to the elders and maybe it needs to escalate to the loss of fellowship.

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But do you see the plan of Jesus in the process? Work it out, communicate and forgive. Be honest but loving.

Come alongside if that does not work. Then leadership steps in. If it still is unresolved, then the problem may be with that person.

We had a friend that four separate people told her of a problem she had and she responded that the four unplanned responses all dealing with the same problem were an attack of the enemy.

Sometimes we are the problem.

Isaiah 2:3 says "Everyone come! Let's go higher up Yahweh's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God; then He can teach us His ways and we can walk in His paths!" Zion will be the center of instruction, and the word of Yahweh will go out from Jerusalem.

It will be taught to our hearts and we will fulfill the Great Commission.

I confess that I have complained. I repent of this gossip and character assassination. I promise to come to you only if I have a problem. I reserve the right to talk to my wife, and to my accountability group and mentor, but it will not go further than that. That is for my good and my walk to improve and be honest.

I have to be careful of burdening my spouse as well with negative, negative, negative. It is a heavy load.

We need to communicate and be honest. But we also need to not take offense.

Protect your life and family, but don't take umbrage so easily. Our society seems to be looking for offense so we can be mad and complain and be the victim for pity and preferential treatment. Abuse and even plain conflict is cause for concern, but we deal with it from the mantle and comfort of Jesus. We speak as loving, forgiving members of God's family. We prefer the other people and when we prefer them, and they prefer us, it just goes better.

WE choose God and His plan and methods.

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[trans: and this relationship, this tether, this work is sealed in the Holy Ghost.]

[SLIDE #7]

[4] Claimed and Sealed in the Holy Ghost [vs11-15]

¹¹ Through our union with Christ we too have been claimed by God as his own inheritance.^[k]

[k The Greek construction of this phrase can mean either that God appointed us (Gr. *klēroō*, chosen by casting lots) to be his inheritance, or that we have been appointed an inheritance.]

God is jealous for what is His, His children.

We get to choose, but we are wanted.

Deuteronomy 32:9 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

⁹“(A)For the LORD’S portion is His people;
Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

Before we were even born, he gave us our destiny;^[l]

[l Or “estate.”]

that we would fulfill the plan of God who always accomplishes every purpose and plan in his heart. ¹² God’s purpose was that we Jews, who were the first to long for the messianic hope, would be the first to believe in the Anointed One and bring great praise and glory to God!

¹³ And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation^[m] of truth,

[m The Greek text is *logos* or “word of God.”]

you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.^[n]

[n Some Aramaic manuscripts add here “who was announced by the angels.”]

¹⁴ He is given to us like an engagement ring^[o]

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[o The Greek word used here can be translated “pledge,” “down payment” or “engagement ring.” A Promise Ring of faithfulness]

is given to a bride, as the first installment of what's coming! He is our hope-promise of a future inheritance^[p]

[p The Aramaic word used for “inheritance” can also be translated “dividend.”]

which seals us until we have all of redemption's promises and experience complete freedom—all for the supreme glory and honor of God!

[ILL] Covenant. More than a contract, sealed in the Holy Spirit Ghost-self.

[SLIDE #8]

In his book *Audience with the King: Altar of Incense*, Bobby Connor writes “The Spirit of God is urgently calling each of us to be: Captured by Divine Love—Consumed by the Holy Spirit—Compelled to Ascend to the Throne Room—Commissioned to rule with HIM! And abide in constant communication with the Creator of the Universe!” (p.23)

[SLIDE #9]

Another quote by Bobby Connor.

Go from insensibility to accessibility!

Go from search to significance.

[AP] Let's take up our divine mantle, be wrapped in Jesus Christ, Filled and Baptized in the Holy Spirit, connected, ascended, uplifted and empowered to serve the King of Kings as a personal representative in an abundant life-time conference with the Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

[trans: we are all of these things, wrapped up in a covering.]

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[trans: receive the grace gift and position and purity and *shalom*.

^{2b} May God himself, the heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, release grace over you and impart total well-being^[c] into your lives.

[SLIDE #11] Jesus's Outstretched Hand

ALTAR CALL Do you know Him?

Earnest, please come and play music.

Please Stand.

Jesus has given His all for us.

He stands with us to help us, to transform us, to accept our willing service and sacrifices in the Father's will.

Let us join with Him.

Let us give our all, our lives for Him.

Let us all pray together:

Father, I have sinned. I have made mistakes. I have willingly done wrong things.

Father I need you! You sent Jesus to die on the cross for my sins.

I accept His gift. I accept forgiveness of my sins.

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I repent. I no longer want to do those things.

Help me live your Life.

Jesus, take my life.

Come inside and change me.

Call out the best in me.

Make me what God designed me to be.

Make me a child of God.

I receive your work on the cross.

I give you my life.

You are my master.

I am now your sibling.

I am a new creation.

I am covered by the cross of Calvary. I am covered by the Blood.

I receive the blood of Christ Jesus as the atonement, as the payment for my sins, so I can come into the Father's Presence.

Help me never sin again.

Help me quickly seek forgiveness if I do.

Let me not cheapen your gift, by using it as license to sin.

Make me holy.

Make me whole.

Help me become all that I can be in you.

Jesus, I give you my life, so that I can live your life.

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Help me bless the Father.

Help me follow the Father.

Help me receive all the love you have for me.

Help me share that Love with all those around me.

Amen.

Anyone prayed that prayer for the first time we have a something for you. Come down to the Altar and receive it and let us pray with you.

[SLIDE #12] LORD'S PRAYER