

Purpose

Ephesians 4:10-16

What's your purpose?

-Who created you? Was it with intent? Can we know God's purpose for us? God, Yes, and Yes.

MAIN POINT-When our purpose is Christ, we grow.

Please turn to Ephesians 4:10-16, page 977 in the Pew Bibles

-Read, Call & Response, Pray.

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The Bible has a Big Idea, or meta-narrative. What is the Big idea of the Bible?

What's the Big Idea of the Bible? "Jesus is the Hero"

What's Jesus the Hero of? Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration

"How is Jesus the Hero of Creation?" We find our purpose in him! (Ask your neighbor) **So what happened?**

We got really lost and need help! (Ask your neighbor) **Who will save us?**

Jesus will! He died and rose again to save us. (Ask your neighbor) **You know what that means?**

We found our purpose again! (Ask your neighbor) **Guess what it is?**

To follow Jesus because he is our hero!

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What is Christ's purpose?

Read Vs. 10

Fill: to cause something to become full¹

¹ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#)

-He fills us by the grace of the Gospel

*"Jesus has gone on high to pour his glory and excellence over every creature in the universe who is the subject of grace, to be the Light of the world, the one Source of all good."*² The Pulpit Commentary

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16

From our sin TO the Church

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 1:22-23

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-Fill the earth with God's kingdom

Read Vs. 11-12

Gifts→ Next week

Equip→ Restore (root word)

Restoration is a process! We are not fully Equipped! "Equipping"

-Already but not yet→ **"R"**

Where we get our name and our vision-We are a Restoration Project, God is doing the building!

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself **restore**, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

-Building with God: Brick by brick-POINT-When Width and depth
(Deep & Wide)

² The Pulpit Commentary. Spence-Jones, H. D. M. (Ed.). (1909). Ephesians (p. 148).

-Build his church→ Width and depth.

-It's not just a purpose, it's who you are!

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

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Read Vs. 13. How do I spiritually grow? Live as you are purposed to live.

- Fill the earth with God's kingdom**
- Build his church→ Width and depth.**
- Unify around the cause!**
- The benefits of maturity?**

Read Vs. 14

- Exposit**

How? Read Vs. 15-16

- Speak the truth in love**
- Grow up in Christ**
 - Catch up to the "already"!**
- Fill the earth with God's kingdom**
- Build his church→ Width and depth.**
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- Speak the truth in love**
- Grow up in Christ**

Working properly

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He

keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. Ephesians 4:15-16

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