

1 **A Chosen Masterpiece!**

Ps Demi (29/9/13)

1Peter 2:9; Eph 2:10

2 **Created for a Purpose**

- Man created in God's image/likeness -Gen 1:1-31;
- Created for His pleasure – to fellowship with, to govern & change the world through, and to express Himself through –Rev 4:11, Col 1:16, Gen 1:27-28
- God has detailed plans for each one-Ps 139:13-16, Eph 2:10
- Man was disconnected from God at the fall but God's purpose for man never changed – man reconnected at the cross – 2Cor 5:17&21
- Fulfilling God's purpose demands knowing who you really are – temptations (Adam/Eve –gen 3& Jesus-Matt 4:3- ,27:40-44)

3 **Evolution**

- Knowing your Identity is the key to being who God made you to be and fulfilling what He called you to do
- Evolution is the great lie of the enemy crafted to throw the whole human race into confusion and nothingness – man is an animal with no purpose, from nothing, for nothing & to nothing (cf Gen 1:26-27, Rev 4:11, Col 1:16)
- When the purpose of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable – only the maker knows the purpose

4 **Chosen, Appointed & Anointed**

- John 15:16 – chosen, appointed >much fruit>father's glory
- 1Peter 2:9 – chosen, royal priests, holy nation, God's special possession > praises to God
- Eph 2:1-10 (NLT) – God's Masterpiece!
- Recruitment process – position defined, duties, person specification & qualification, applications > chosen >interview process > appointed (cf created to fit purpose >chosen & appointed by God) –
- Anointed (empowered) to be & to do – Acts 1:8, Rom 8:26-30,

5 **Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)**

1. Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ²You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.^[a] He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.
2. ⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

6 **Ephesians 2:1-10 (NLT)**

1. ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.
2. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

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7 **Romans 8:26-30**

- ²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers^[a] in harmony with God's own will. ²⁸ And we know that God causes everything to work together^[b] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn^[c] among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.