

## GOD'S OFFICIATING CREW

EPHESIANS 3:10-11 | ERIC SIMPSON | NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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<sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

church = ekklésia = gathering of the called-out-ones

- **Surrender the Self-life**

**"...the Self stakes out its own territory within us to assure getting its own way, ordering our world to its likings...it's the Exalted Me, unsubmitted and unsundered to the rule of Christ in me." – John Eldredge**

Luke 9:24-25

<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

<sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

Dying to "my will be done" is the only way to "Thy will be done."

*Lord Jesus, I surrender the Self Life to you. I abandon it. I release it. I give it over to you. I'd much rather have You.*

- **Embrace Jesus' calling for your life**

You're called to Christ.

You're called to become like Christ.

You're called to carry out Christ's purposes in this world.

spiritual gifts + personal pain = an arrow pointing toward your Ephesians 2:10 purpose

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.