

Comments by Asher Intrater on Ephesians 1:9-10

Paul says that God's plan is:

"He made known to us the mystery of His will, in keeping with His good pleasure that He planned in Messiah. The plan of the fullness of times is to bring all things together in the Messiah—both things in heaven and things on earth, all in Him."
Ephesians 1:9-10

"As the overall model of sin is a breakdown and fracturing of relationships, so is the fullness of restoration to bring all of these relationships back into unity through the work of Jesus our Messiah."

"Everything in God's plan and in the function of the body of believers works toward restoring relationships to harmony."

"In Ephesians 4:13, Paul also states that the work of the various types of ministry is for the building up of the organic body of relationships in Messiah, *"till we all come to the unity of the faith"*."

"The unity and harmony of our relationships is not a strategic method to accomplish some other goal; unity and restoration of relationships is the goal itself."

"All of the work of the ministries is for *"the edifying of the Body of Christ"*."
(Ephesians 4:12)

"Fear of rejection and insecurity are such prevalent problems because rejection is part of the overall separation of man from God.

We were separated from God when Adam had to leave the Garden of Eden.

We were separated from one another in communication at the Tower of Babel.

Mistrust entered the human race when Cain killed Abel.

Rejection, separation, and the breakdown of relationships is the overarching pattern of the fallen state of man.

It is important to rebuild these areas in our walk as believers.

The ultimate plan of redemption is to restore our relationships not only with God, but also with each other.

This is what we mean when we say that relationships are both the meaning and the goal of life." Asher Intrater from "Covenant Relationships"