

## Ephesians 1:9-10

1:9

“And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,”

γνωρίσας ἡμῖν τὸ μυστήριον τοῦ θελήματος αὐτοῦ κατὰ τὴν εὐδοκίαν αὐτοῦ ἣν προέθετο ἐν αὐτῷ

γνωρίσας – *gnorisas* “he made known”- means to make known. It is in the aorist tense (point of action in time past) which describes an action that occurred at the same time.

προέθετο *proetheto* “purposed” - means to place before, to purpose

μυστήριον “mystery”. In Scripture this is something that has been known to God but kept secret until now, the time that it has been revealed

- 1:18 – prays that we may know this mystery
- Colossians 1:27

God has the purpose and the plan. In Christ he makes it known to us.

All things:

- Romans 8:21
- Colossians 1:20

1:10

“To be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment - to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.”

εἰς οἰκονομίαν τοῦ πληρώματος τῶν καιρῶν, ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι τὰ πάντα ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ τὰ ἐπὶ τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς

ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΑ *oikonomia* – “household management, administration

- Ephesians 3:9
- Colossians 1:25

πληρώματος *plaromatos* – “fulfillment, fullness”

ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι *anakephalaiousasthai* - “to sum up”, “to head up”, “to gather up into one”. (In the middle voice emphasizes the divine interest and the divine initiative) This compound word refers to the dispersion of elements and the ultimate collecting them back into one. It is UNITY out of DIVERSITY. God will gather up the fragmented and alienated universe.