

Avoiding Pitfalls

A closer look at [Eph. 1:9](#)

WHEN WE MOVE INTO THE GRACE ABOUNDING LIFE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S GRACE AND AVOID THE MANY PITFALLS OF LIFE.

"Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to His good pleasure" (thinking) *eudokia* (*kata* plus *eudokia* means a norm or standard) *eu*=good *dokeo*=objective thinking. (good pleasure) God's good thinking came up with a perfect plan and that was God's justice, Integrity, Love, Grace. "Which" (from which source of good thinking-He planned the whole thing).

"He purposed", or pre-designed – AMI 3rd s of *pro-tithemi*-προτιθημι means *predetermined* – *pro* προ = before; God did all of this in the eternal ages past. (Gnomic Aor. deals with a concept being absolute – axiomatic)

This Middle Voice says that the subject participates in the results of the action – *GOD THE FATHER IS THE SUBJECT* and He participates in the results of the action – He *predetermined* – God did the thinking, and therefore is the agent of the Divine Plan.

This middle voice relates the action of the verb more intimately to the subject – and through the pre-designed plan, God the Father is intimately related to us as born-again believers. He is the Father and we are His children.

Being an indirect Middle, in which the agent produces the action – God our Father is emphasized – He, the *PERFECT ONE* did the thinking, the planning, and therefore there's absolutely no place for man's ability, talent, plans, efforts in God's Plan at all.