11-18-18 People of Purpose - Colossians 1:3-14

Imagine the lonesome loser: struggling in confidence, wondering in purpose decides to choose opposite behavior from instinct.

Paul Prays for their **Knowledge** to bring **Transformed Hope**: What we do matters

Refocused desires: Joyful thanks

Resulting in

Maturing Faith – Worthy Living
Authentic love for God / Children
In this environment pleasing fruit, enduring patience and heartfelt thanksgiving – Rescued from darkness to light

1 Peter 2:9-10

Kingdom people with new purpose, perspective, and priorities

Perspective: Chosen people, Royal Priesthood, Holy Nation,

Special Possession, Light dwellers

Priorities: Loving God and his people

Purpose: Declare God's Praise

Recent Study: We are lonely, Isolated, Longing for Connection Our ability to belong never rises above our self-worth "Fitting In" Is the abandonment identity "Belonging is the courage to stand alone" Brene Brown

As Children of God, we are the People of God Carrying on the purpose of God modeled by His Son

We must embrace this new status, priorities and purpose