



The Purpose of God and The Soul of Man

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(Genesis 1:1-3 AV)

All of our situations, whether current or future will indeed pass, but the greater issue does not pass, but on the contrary, will forever remain.

One thing is to come to The Purpose of God; another is to *serve* His Purpose. I know that you may or may not fully understand what I am saying, but that is all right; I also know that you may already have preconceived ideas of what I will be sharing as well, ultimately it is The Lord alone Who declares His mind.

The true issue at hand is always whether a soul will ever come to The Purpose of God, and then *serve* His Purpose. No, this does not mean go out and become religious! I share the following with One Purpose, which if The Lord wills, you will come to both know and *serve*.

Before a soul (the soul of a person, whomever it may be) comes to Purpose (Christ Appearing in the soul), a soul is at cross-purposes with God (no pun intended). It is kind of like going against your own nature. God created the soul for one Purpose --The

Appearing of Christ, His Son. Until a soul comes to its Purpose, then it is not really at rest. This is why you will find many people doing different things to basically preoccupy

their minds so that the longing that is truly there in their soul be hushed. The soul of the person is trying to get their attention, but the person does not know what to do with it, or how to pacify it. Another thing

is that people will often do different things to try to satisfy the longing that is there in the soul, but never truly accomplish this because it is like trying to put a square peg in a round hole -impossible! Here is where you find people taking up, or changing, hobbies and such etc..., always trying to find something "new" etc..., but nothing really ever satisfies, nor can, because the soul is *only* satisfied when it comes to The Purpose for which it was created, The Appearing of Christ.

Now when a soul does come to Purpose, this does not mean quit your job; go live in a commune; wear a robe; do this, do not do that etc... The Carnal Religion of Man will tell the soul that it needs to do, or not do certain things etc... But a soul, in simply

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coming to Purpose will finally have come to rest.

The Man-made Carnal Christian Religion does no good in bringing a soul to Purpose; in fact, it does more harm than good! Instead of pointing the soul unto Christ, it points the soul unto being like Jesus!, or better yet "come to Jesus so He can...". The goal is always Man and what God can do for man. Sadly, Christ is relegated to no more than a glorified Santa Claus. This also is at cross-purposes with God.

The way you can tell if the religion or sermon etc... is of God or not, is whether your soul is directed to Christ Himself (not Christ *for* something etc...). If it directs the soul unto Christ, then it is of God. If it does not direct the soul unto Christ, then it is of Man.

Now This Purpose does not change. If a soul finally comes to its Purpose (being born-again, Christ Appearing in the soul), then it must continue in Purpose (The Appearing of Christ in the soul). The difference now is that The Light of The Life that is present must Appear. The Purpose does not, nor will ever change. The Purpose never changes because Jesus never changes. Also, Jesus plus... or Jesus for... is not The Good News! Jesus Himself is The Good News. It is like saying to a soul: "Here is what you have been waiting for -- Jesus!" This may just seem like I am playing with words and wording, like different ways of saying things etc..., but it is not, there is a very great difference between Christ or not Christ, Life or Death, Light or Darkness.

So with the soul coming to Purpose, now the soul must come to know The Purpose that it

has come unto. Once again, I am not playing with words. The very first thing, in fact the only thing, that a person who is born-again must now be presented with is The Light of Life (once again: The Appearing of Christ, but now as Light). This is seen in Genesis 1:1-5. In The beginning God, then The Light of God Appears. With the type in Genesis, it is the Creation of God; the first thing that God does in His Creation is to bring Light into it. This creation speaks of new birth, being born-again (2 Corinthians 5:17), and The Light of *this* Creation of God speaks of The Appearing of Christ as The Light of it. The Apostle Paul says it this way: "6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6).

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It is God's very own creation filled with His very own Self, and now filling His Creation with the knowledge of Himself. The soul that has begun in Purpose, must now be involved in the knowing of The Purpose of God (the knowing of Christ). Notice that I did not say, knowing *about* etc..., I said knowing. What we gain by reading, listening, viewing etc... is only the knowing *about*. Knowing about does absolutely nothing. It is God alone Who can cause us to know His Purpose (His Christ), and this is only when Christ Appears as The Light in our heart. Once again the Apostle Paul says it this way: "15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me..." (Galatians 1:15-16).

Until the soul that has been brought to Purpose is involved in the knowing of The



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Brothers and Sisters *in* Christ,

It is my heart's desire that we serve The Purpose of The Lord in *this* generation. This, of course, is only accomplished by the tender mercy and ever abounding grace of our God as The Holy Spirit draws the full attention of the heart and places it solely upon The Person of The Risen Christ Himself. The heart thus being turned unto The Lord, God's *good pleasure* is accomplished as He Himself reveals His Only Son in the soul that is Born Again. In God revealing His Son in our soul, we finally come to *see* the Face of The Son of God (The *very* Purpose for which our souls were created of God).

I pray that this sharing is such that serves *this* End and Purpose.

- Jimmy Ned Collins

Purpose of God (the knowing of Christ), the soul will still be trying to find Purpose outside of the Person of Christ Himself (Who is the *only* Purpose for which the soul was created). Also, a soul not knowing The Purpose that it has come unto cannot, nor ever will be able to truly experience the rest that it has come to. The soul, once again, is found at cross-purposes with God.

I do not write these things to condemn (for there is no condemnation in Christ), on the contrary, to stir our hearts unto The Eternal Purpose of God, and the Knowing of This Same Purpose. May The Lord Himself in His tender mercy and immeasurable loving-kindness turn our heart unto Christ.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

Galatians 1:15-16 15 *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.*

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