

Overview: In order to participate in the recovery of the church, we need to see God's eternal purpose concerning the church clearly. Seeing things should not be affected by our experiences, failures and weaknesses. Exercise your spirit, rely on the spirit of wisdom and revelation and simply see the revelation. In eternity past, God determined to gain the church before the foundation of the world. Therefore all things in the heavens, the earth and the universe are for the church. We are regenerated in time, being headed up in the church life and ultimately all things will be headed up through the church. We need to preach the economy of the mystery concerning Christ and the church as the gospel, which has been hidden throughout the ages so that all may see.

I . In order to participate in the recovery of the church, we need to see God's eternal purpose concerning the church:

A. A purpose is a determined intent to do something or to gain something:

1. The determined will of God became the purpose of God.
2. God's purpose is His determined intent to gain the church.

B. The eternal purpose (lit., "the purpose of the ages") was made by God in eternity past for eternity future:

1. The purpose of the ages is the purpose of eternity, the eternal purpose.
2. In eternity past, before the foundation of the world, before the heavens, the earth, and all things were created, God made a purpose for something in the future, in eternity to come; therefore, it is called the purpose of eternity, the eternal purpose

C. The word purpose in Ephesians 3:11 is equivalent to the word plan; we may speak of the eternal plan which God planned in Christ:

1. God has a plan, which He planned in eternity; God's eternal purpose is God's eternal plan.]]
2. His purpose in Romans 8:28 refers to the purposeful determination in God's plan.
3. God's plan is to have a corporate expression of Himself in Christ the Son by the Spirit through the Body composed and built up with many regenerated and transformed people by the mingling of Himself with humanity.

D. Ephesians 3:10-11 reveals that the existence of the church is according to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord:

1. The church was planned by God in eternity; before time began, in eternity, God purposed to have the church.
2. In eternity past and for eternity to come, God planned and purposed to have the church in Christ and for Christ:
 - a. The church is not a temporary matter but an eternal matter in the eternal purpose of God; the church is the center and subject of God's eternal plan.
 - b. God planned in eternity past to have the church, and He expects to have the church in eternity to come.
 - c. The church is in this age and throughout this age, yet it is from eternity past and for eternity future.

E. God planned to have the church composed of regenerated and transformed human beings who are coordinated and built together as a corporate Body:

1. God planned that this corporate Body would be a corporate vessel into which He would work Himself
2. God's purpose, His determined intention, is to have a corporate Body, a corporate vessel, with which He could mingle Himself and all that He has; this vessel is the church.
3. The church is dear, lovable, and precious to God because the church is His good pleasure, the desire of His heart.

F. The existence of the universe is according to God's eternal purpose to have the church:]]

1. The full revelation of the Scriptures unveils to us that all things in the universe are for the church.
2. Even the three persons of the Godhead are for the divine purpose of having the church to fulfill God's eternal plan through the dispensing of God in His Divine Trinity into humanity so that the church may come into existence.
3. The heavens, the earth, a multitude of other things, and the tripartite man are required in order that the church may exist to express God; without these things God cannot have the church in the universe to be His corporate expression.]]

G. God's intention concerning the church is threefold: to express Himself through the sonship, to make His multifarious wisdom known to the enemy, and to head up all things in Christ.

II . We need "to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things":

A. The New Testament tells us that the church was a mystery in God; throughout all the generations before the New Testament time, the church was a mystery.

B. In the Bible a mystery refers not only to things that are hidden and unknown to us but also to things that are hidden in God's heart; this is the principle concerning the mysteries mentioned in the Bible.]]

C. God's mystery is His hidden purpose, which is to dispense Himself into His chosen people; hence, there is the economy of the mystery of God.

D. From the beginning of the world the purpose of creation was a mystery hidden in God; no one knew what the purpose of creation was:

1. Job was right in saying, "You have hidden these things in Your heart: /I know that this is with You"; what was hidden in God's heart was the mystery of the ages.
2. After creating man in His image and according to His likeness, God kept His intention hidden throughout the ages.
3. Before the New Testament time God did not unveil to anyone what His purpose was; the mystery, God's hidden purpose, was made known by revelation to the apostles and prophets.

E. The mystery hidden in God's heart is God's eternal economy, which is God's eternal intention with His heart's desire to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity as the Father in the Son by the Spirit into His chosen people to be their life and nature so that they may be the same as He is as His duplication, to become an organism, the Body of Christ as the new man, for God's fullness, God's expression, which will become the New Jerusalem.]]

F. In Ephesians 3:4 Paul uses the expression the mystery of Christ to explain the church as the Body of Christ in God's eternal economy, indicating that the church is the mystery of Christ.

G. The economy of God's mystery is to have the church for the manifestation of God.

H. Paul preached not only the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ; he also preached the gospel concerning the economy of the mystery hidden in God:

1. The gospel concerning the economy of the mystery hidden in God is to produce the church for God's expression and glorification according to God's eternal purpose.
2. Today we must announce the gospel concerning the mystery hidden in God in order to enlighten all so that they may see what is the economy of the mystery hidden in God, who created all things for the fulfillment of His will, the desire of His heart, and His eternal purpose.

Day 1: Eph. 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Day 2: Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, 23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Eph. 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church, 11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Day 3: Rev. 4:11 You are a worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.

Eph. 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Day 4: Eph. 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

5:32 This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church

Day 5: Eph. 3:3 That by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have written previously in brief, 4 By which, in reading it, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ, 5 Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,

Rom. 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel, that is, the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which has been kept in silence in the times of the ages

Day 6: Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Experience① : The church is the center and the subject of God's eternal plan

Ephesians 3:10-11 unveils the fact that the existence of the church is according to the eternal purpose of God which He made in Christ.... The church did not come into existence by accident but was planned in eternity. Before time began, in eternity, God purposed to have the church.

In eternity past and for eternity to come, God planned and purposed to have a church in Christ and for Christ. Therefore, the church is not a temporary matter but an eternal matter. The church is in this age and throughout this age, yet it is from eternity past and for eternity future. It is an eternal matter in the eternal purpose of God, and it is the center, the subject of God's eternal plan.

What did God plan? He planned to have a church composed of a group of human beings coordinated together as a corporate Body with which He may mingle Himself in His divine nature. In other words, this corporate Body would be a corporate vessel, into which He would put Himself. This is the very thing God planned, and this is the very center of His purpose. God planned to have a corporate Body, a corporate vessel, with which He could mingle Himself and all that He is. This vessel is called the church. The church, therefore, is the center of God's eternal plan. Why is the church so dear, so lovable, and so precious to God? It is because the church is the desire of God's heart, which He purposed before time began. God in eternity planned to have the church.

For junior high/senior high students

Existence of the church is according to God's eternal purpose. The church is the center of God's eternal plan. Even with an earthquake, a war, or whatever happens, God's economy regarding the church can never be changed, corrected or stopped.

For example, Japanese government decided to raise consumption tax from 8% to 10%, but because the condition of the economy was not good, so they postpone the timing to raise tax to 10%. In addition, they recently brought up the plan to limit usage of the consumption tax to support the next generation. In other words, they haven't decided yet where to use that tax. However, producing and building up of the church has been planned by God in the eternity past, so no one can correct it or change the plan or change its goal. It is according to God's eternal will, so even the world largest country, the United States, cannot change it and your weakness or strength cannot change God's plan concerning the church.

Please set your church life at the center of your school life. Your church life has the eternal value. All the people around you, such as the school principal and the assistant principal of your school, the teacher of your class, seniors, classmates and juniors, and your parents, and all the events such as end-of-term exam, trial exam, school sports festival, and your club activities, and all things such as the train you use, route to your school, and the school building, are arranged by God to be profitable to build the church. In order to make all things work together for good, please love God and love church life that God loves.

Rom8:28 And we know that all things (all people, all events, all things) work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

I think important things for junior/senior high students are the study and the relationship with their friends. You should pray to the Lord to seek good friendship. A good friendship can also help your study. In addition, to keep your friendship, you should learn how to make concessions and how to request in the way of experiencing Christ, because the highest humanity is the humanity of Jesus. In your study, experience Christ as your ability of memorizing, concentrating and understanding. When you cannot understand something, pray again and again, "Oh, Lord Jesus. I lack in understanding. Lord, please let me experience You as my understanding". If you support and nourish the new ones and the elementary school kids for building of the church with Christ you experienced in you study and human relationship, then your school life will be greatly blessed in God's eternal plan.

Experience② : The highest gospel is the gospel of Christ with the church

The first thing which God may have done before the foundation of the world in eternity past was to make an economy to produce the church to manifest God. The economy of the mystery hidden in God throughout the ages was to produce the church for the showing forth of God's multifarious wisdom. We must also have the high standard of the gospel concerning the economy of the mystery hidden in God....This deeper mystery is the purpose, the meaning, and the significance revealed to the apostles, especially to the apostle Paul. Thus, Paul told us that he preached not only the unsearchable riches of Christ but also the economy of this mystery hidden in God from the age.

The highest gospel is the gospel of Christ with the church. We must value, appreciate, and treasure the church. We enjoy the church life as the highest standard of the gospel. The gospel concerning the economy of the mystery hidden in God is to produce the church for God's expression and glorification according to God's eternal plan, or purpose. The church is so lovable because it is the very expression and glorification of God. When God has the church, He is expressed and He is glorified. We need to enjoy God in His expression and in His glorification in such a high standard.

Paul preached the divine economy as the very gospel. Ephesians 3:8 reveals the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ, while verse 9 reveals the gospel of the economy of the mystery hidden in God throughout the ages. We must realize, experience, and preach this economy to the new ones as the high standard of the gospel. Many Christians enjoy the gospel of grace, and some enjoy the gospel in the aspect of life, but few among today's Christians enjoy the gospel of the kingdom by being under the divine ruling in the divine life. Few enjoy the gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ and the gospel of the economy of the mystery hidden in God from the ages. The regenerated ones, who are divinely human and humanly divine, spontaneously become an organism, the Body of Christ, which is the church of God as the new man in God's new creation to carry out God's new "career," that is, to build up the Body of Christ for the fullness, the expression, of the Triune God. This fullness as the organism of the Triune God will consummate in the New Jerusalem.

For young working saints

The economy of the mystery hidden in God from the ages is to have the church and the Body of Christ. In the days of the Old Testament, the economy of the mystery was in God, and since it was a mystery for the chosen people in the Old Testament, they could only look at it in a vague way. However, the mystery was opened to us, the believers of the New Testament through the apostle Paul. Hallelujah! Thank the Lord.

God's eternal economy is for the church, and the church is the purpose, significance of this universe. At the same time, the church is also a subjective experience for you in your daily life. You need to grow up into the Head, Christ, in all things of your business life. For this you need to pray. Suppose, the boss's lack of leadership has caused the organization to be confused and it gets difficult to conduct business, you can pray, "O Lord Jesus, I feel hopeless in a complicated and depraved human relations. But I take you as my true hope and experience you as my true wisdom." By growing up into the Head, Christ, your business life can be blessed to a great extent because of the church as the economy of the mystery.

Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ, 16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

1. 主はひとつの栄ごうの召会を持つ。
われら主にありて分あり。
見よ、うちゅうにあるひとつのからだ、
主はわれらをいちとする。
ハレルヤ、みからだ、われら その肢たい、
すべては完成して、主はわれらをいちとする。
2. 孤りつせず団体のあたらしいひと。
主ご自身を完全に表現す。
いま地方だけでなく団体のからだ、
われらはそのうちにある。
ハレルヤ、みからだ、サタンをおびやかす。
からだにあり勝利、われらはそのうちにある。
3. 主は神せいな性しつがあらわれる、
ななつの金のしょくだいに。
からだの生かつに天然の存在なし、
ひかり発し照りかがやく。
ハレルヤ、みからだ、そは金のしょくだい、
いたるところにて、ひかり発し照りかがやく。
4. いかにしんせいになり、かがやくか、
いかにいちとされるのか？
主はいのちの木、新せんえんせき、
日々イエスを食べるはみち。
イエスを食べていち、イエスを食べ聖とされ、
イエス食べかがやく、ハレルヤ、イエス食べるみち！

1. 哦，基督有一榮耀召会，我们有分於她—
何等喜乐，主使我们合为一！
看哪，在宇宙中有一身体，我们属於她—
阿利路亚，主使我们合为一！
阿利路亚，榮耀身体！我们是身体的肢体！
一切完全为这身体！阿利路亚，主使我们合为一！
2. 不是单独孤立基督徒，乃是团体新人—神需要她
完全彰显祂自己！不仅是一个地方召会，
乃是整个身体—阿利路亚，
我们在这身体里！阿利路亚，榮耀身体！
使撒但战抖的身体！在身体里我们得胜！
阿利路亚，我们在这身体里！
3. 神那完全圣别的性情，显在七金灯臺—
身体生活不容天然的存在。
我们合一且有分神性，金灯臺就照耀—
阿利路亚，她正发光且照耀！
阿利路亚，榮耀身体！这个身体是金灯臺！
处处发光，精光照耀！阿利路亚，她正发光且照耀！
4. 我们如何彰显这合一，圣別並且照耀？
阿利路亚，喫主耶穌就是路！祂是生命树，是吗哪，
又是常新的筵席—阿利路亚，我们天天都喫主！
我们合一藉著喫主！我们圣別藉著喫主！
我们发光藉著喫主！阿利路亚，喫主耶穌就是路！

1. Oh, the church of Christ is glorious, and we are part of it—
We're so happy that the Lord has made us one!
There's a Body in the universe and we belong to it—
Hallelujah, for the Lord has made us one!
Hallelujah for the Body!
We are members of the Body!
We are wholly for the Body!
Hallelujah, for the Lord has made us one!
2. Not the individual Christians, but a corporate entity—
God must have it for His full expression now;
Not just individual churches but the Body corporately—
Hallelujah, we are in the Body now!
Hallelujah for the Body!
Satan trembles at the Body!
We're victorious in the Body!
Hallelujah, we are in the Body now!
3. There are seven golden lampstands in the nature all divine—
Nothing natural does the Body life allow.
When we're one and share God's nature, how the lampstand
then does shine—
Hallelujah, it is brightly shining now!
Hallelujah for the Body!
For the lampstands of the Body!
For the golden, shining Body!
Hallelujah, it is brightly shining now!
4. How may we express such oneness, be divine and shining
too?
Hallelujah, eating Jesus is the way!
He's the tree of life, the manna, and the feast that's ever
new—
Hallelujah, we may eat Him every day!
We are one by eating Jesus!
We're divine by eating Jesus!
How we shine by eating Jesus!
Hallelujah, eating Jesus is the way!