

Bird's-Eye View

In 2 Timothy 1:9 Paul says that God “has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose”: **A** God has not only saved us to enjoy His blessing but also called us with a holy calling, a calling for a particular cause, to fulfill His purpose. **B** To be called by God is to be separated unto His purpose. Eph. 1:11 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, **C** The purpose in 2 Timothy 1:9 is God’s plan according to His will to place us into Christ, making us one with Him to share His life and position so that we may be His testimony. **D** God saved us and called us according to His own purpose, and now His purpose should become our purpose. **E** We need to view salvation from God’s perspective; the purpose of God’s salvation is for His created and redeemed ones to have the sonship, that is, to have the life of the Son and be conformed to the image of His Son so that the Son would be the Firstborn among many brothers. **F** Salvation involves our being saved from a human life that is meaningless: **1** The gospel saves us out of the human life that is without meaning into the meaning of the universe. **2** God created a man who had great meaning and purpose, but man fell, and the meaning of human life was lost. **3** With His salvation, God rescues us and brings us back to our original purpose, which is the meaning of the universe. **II** God’s eternal purpose is to dispense Himself into His chosen and redeemed people to make them the same as He is in life and nature but not in the Godhead for His enlarged and expanded expression: 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 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, 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, **A** The book of Job leaves us with a twofold question concerning the purpose of God in creating man and in dealing with His chosen people: **1** The answer to this question is the economy of God, 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 become the same as He is for His fullness, His expression.

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. **2** God’s purpose in dealing with His lovers, even in the way of loss, is that they may gain Him to the fullest extent, in order that He might be expressed through them for the fullness of His eternal purpose in His creation of man. **B** God’s intention in the creation of all things, including man, was that man would be mingled with God to produce the church as the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem for His glorious expression. **C** God’s eternal purpose, according to the desire of His heart, is to have the church to be the organic Body of Christ for the manifestation of His multifarious wisdom. 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; **D** The church as the Body of Christ is the unique means used by God to fulfill His purpose and settle all His problems: **1** The church is for the expression, the glory, of God the Father in the divine sonship with the Father’s life and nature. **2** The church is God’s greatest boast in making known to the angelic rulers and authorities His multifarious wisdom for the shame and defeat of the enemy to bring in His kingdom. **3** The church is for the heading up of all things in Christ through the working of Himself into us as life and light. **III** In order to live a life for the fulfillment of God’s eternal purpose, we must know and do the will of God: Col. 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of *it*, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **A** God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will so that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose: **1** God’s will is His heart’s desire, His mingling with man, and the fulfillment of His eternal purpose. **2** The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness, His expression. **B** We need to be filled with the full knowledge of God’s will: **1** God’s will in Colossians is His will regarding His eternal purpose, regarding His economy concerning Christ. **2** To have the full knowledge of God’s will is to have the revelation of God’s plan so that we may know what God plans to do in the universe: **a** God’s plan is to make Christ everything in the divine economy. **b** The revelation of God’s plan opens the way for us to have more experience of Christ. **3** The will of God for us is that we know the all-inclusive Christ, experience Him, and live Him as our life. **4** Walking worthily of the Lord issues from having the full knowledge of God’s will; such a walk is a walk in which we

live Christ. [Col. 1:10](#) To walk worthily of the Lord to please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God, [Phil. 1:19](#) For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the spirit of Jesus Christ, [20](#) According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. [21](#) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. **C** If we would enter into the manifestation of the kingdom of the heavens in the coming age, we must do the will of our Father in this age. [Matt. 7:22](#) Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, *was it not in Your name that we prophesied, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name did many works of power?* **D** Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens (7:21): **1** To call on the Lord suffices for us to be saved, but to enter into the kingdom of the heavens, we also need to do the will of the heavenly Father. **2** Since entering into the kingdom of the heavens requires doing the will of the heavenly Father, it is clearly different from entering the kingdom of God through regeneration: **a** The entrance into the kingdom of God is through being born of the divine life. **b** The entrance into the kingdom of the heavens is through the living of the divine life. **3** The Lord Jesus rebuked those who prophesied, cast out demons, and did works of power in His name because, as “workers of lawlessness,” they did these things out of themselves, not out of the obedience to God’s will. [7:23](#) And then I will declare to them: I never knew you. Depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness. **4** In order to do the will of the Father, we need to enter in through the narrow gate and walk on the constricted way: [7:13](#) Enter in through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter through it. **a** The narrow gate excludes the old man, the self, the flesh, the human concept, and the world with all its glory; only that which corresponds with God’s will can enter in. **b** As we walk on the constricted way, we are restricted by a mysterious, invisible, inward control, and we live under this control. **5** Whoever does the will of the Father is a relative of the Lord Jesus: **a** Christ, the heavenly King, always submitted to the Father’s will, taking the Father’s will as His portion and not resisting anything. **b** Whoever does the will of the Father is a brother who helps the Lord Jesus, a sister who sympathizes with Him, and a mother who tenderly loves Him. **6** The kingdom people need to pray for the Father’s

will to be done on earth as in the heavens; this is to bring the kingdom of the heavens to the earth.

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We can find the meaning of the universe in the verses below. [Gen. 1:26](#) And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion... [27](#) And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. [28](#) And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion... [Rom. 8:29](#) Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers; [30](#) And those whom He predestinated, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God planned the universe with the heavens, the earth, and a large variety and number of organisms. Not only so, God also planned to create man.... Astronomers say that the distance from the earth to the center of our galaxy is at least sixty-four million times farther than the distance between the earth and the moon. The vastness of the universe cannot be fully comprehended by the human mind.... Nevertheless, the Bible clearly tells us that the meaning of the universe is related to God’s desire to gain a group of people to be His expression and representation.

[Application to young people, college students, new ones](#)

Testimony “The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man has a spirit to receive God and express God corporately by being built up together and represent God and live for God.” This is the meaning of the universe and meaning of human life. This is God’s answer to all questions about the universe and about life as revealed in the Bible. [Zech.12:1](#) Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him. **FN** In His creation God made three crucial, equally important items, the heavens, the earth, and

the spirit of man. The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit that he may contact God, receive God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. In His economy God planned to have Christ as the centrality and universality of His move on earth. For His chosen people, who would care for Him as the Creator and as the Redeemer, there was the need for Him to create a receiving organ so that they would have the capacity to receive all that God had planned for Christ to be. Hence, this book charges us to pay full attention to our human spirit.

Also, according to Genesis 1:26-28, God desires that man should put God in, contain God, express God, represent God, and reign over people, matters, things, and Satan. God desires that we Christians reign over the chaos around us. For that, God has given us His life and authority. When I was a college student, I saw the meaning of this universe and the meaning of life and was filled with joy. I began to learn to apply and be content with Christ in my higher education, etc. However, I was not sure about "reigning". I thought, "I can't do that."

However, when he changed jobs at age 51, the company had lost about 10% of its sales due to government penalties. Because the penalty was due to my department and my department was in a state of confusion. At that time I remembered God's desire concerning "reigning" and I prayed and practiced reigning over all people, matters, things, and Satan in the Lord's life. In the midst of various severe demands from the government, pressure from the doctors who were leaders in the academy, extremely severe economic pressure from the U.S. headquarters, inexperience of newly hired subordinates, and attacks from other departments, we gradually learned to reign over all people, matters, things and Satan in the Lord's life. To my surprise and far beyond my expectations, my department clearly improved every year. And after five years, the U.S. headquarters came to say that my department was "the best department in the entire company."

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the universe. For us to exercise our spirit and reign in Lord's life is the meaning of human life.

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We need to possess Christ, experience Him, and apply Him in all things. I would ask you all to make a decision that by the grace of the Lord, you would pray every day for three things. First, pray for yourself: "Lord, day by day remind me to walk in You, experience You, and apply You to everything in my daily life."...We need to experience Christ and apply Him in such a way in our daily life...Second, we need to pray for the saints, not only for those who are with us but also for those who are far away. Remember them and pray for them and for the whole church. Third, pray that the Lord would recover the knowledge and experience of His will among all His children...Pray for yourself, for the churches, and for the recovery of His will

concerning the all-inclusive Christ and His genuine expression. This is according to the Lord's mind.

Application to businesspersons, graduate students

Testimony Shortly after I began my church life, I wanted to pray and know where the Lord's will was in the major life choices, such as whether or not I should go to graduate school, whether or not I should change jobs, where I should live, and so on. I thought that if I followed the path the Lord was showing me, things would go well and there would be no mistakes. But the sisters around me did not pray that I would make a good choice, but that I would depend on the Lord and experience Him when I make my choice, that the Lord would increase. I did not yet know the preciousness of the Lord and did not understand the benefits of His increase, so when they explained to me that He was not interested in my choices, but in building Himself into me, I did not really understand. However, after I began the church life and began to enjoy the Lord, I came to understand that gaining the Lord is the direct way to get what I want.

For example, we want to have a good job and a happy family because we want security, peace, and satisfaction. I have found that if I gain the Lord, I have security, peace, and satisfaction. On the other hand, even if I had a job or a family that others envy, I will not have true peace unless I have the peace of the Lord. Even when there are problems in the environment, if I pray and read the Word of God, I can enjoy peace even if the environment is unchanged. Then self is reduced and Christ is increased.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, I need to have a living that accomplishes God's eternal will. For this I need to pray daily for the following 3 things: ① Pray that I can experience and apply Christ in my daily life. ② Pray for the saints, especially those who are far away, to recover their church life. ③ Pray for the recovery of realization and experience of the Lord's will among all the saints. It is for me to know and do the will of God.

神戸に在る召会交わりと報告事項

1. 諸召会等の訪問:

7/1-8/30 宋劉剣君S(佳穂Sのお母さん)

7/5-8 台北31集会所 25名

6(土)18:00~20:30 @魚崎 愛宴&集会

7(主)9:30~ @各地区、集会&ランチ

7/13-15 台北61集会所(北投)100名(内60名
神戸宿泊、大阪・東大阪120名)

13(土)17:00~18:00@魚崎 愛宴

18:00~20:00 集会

14(主)10:00~12:00 主日集会

12:00~13:00 ランチ

18:00~19:00 神戸宿泊60名とブレン
ディング夕食(本山、六甲)

19:00~19:30 交わり

19:30~20:30 夜の主日集会

7/16-8/16 周洪斌B、李徳英S

7/25-28 彰化郡瑜Sと弟さん(在職青年)

2. 7月ビデオ訓練: 7/12(金)-8/3(土)

金曜日: 19:30-21:00、土曜日: 8:30-12:00

場所: 第一大地区@本山、第二大地区

金曜日@三宮、土曜日@六甲

※金曜日のビデオ訓練に参加出来ない在職の兄弟姉妹は、土曜日16:30-18:00@本山でビデオ訓練に参加してください。

3. 2024年SST(真理のサマースクール):

8/12(月)-17(土)東京基臨ビルで行われます。
締め切りは6/30(主)です。

現在、13名の青少年、7名の奉仕者が参加します。若者が夏休みを聖別して、真理の中へと入り込み、仲間たちと共に主をエンジョイすることができるようにお祈りください。