

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR CREATION

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INTRODUCTION

God's plan for this creation is perfect and is without mistake or regret. The issue for mankind is that mankind, being children of the devil, does not and cannot know God, nor does God reveal His plan to them. It is only after a person has been converted into a child of God will they be able to know God and understand His plan. Until that time, mankind's marred spirit (which causes a person to be spiritually blind), will keep God "veiled" from their understanding.

Ecc 3:11 He has made everything fitting in its season; However, He has put obscurity (the world/carnality) in their heart so that the man may NOT find out His work, that which God does, that which God does from the beginning to the end.

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Let me explain further by presenting the "big picture".

Mankind's spiritual makeup that each person has from birth is flawed. It was NOT a mistake by God. Mankind was created that way on purpose so that their spirit would develop a carnal and religious spiritual nature. That is the reason why mankind is carnally minded and sinful, and why Christ, having a perfect spiritual makeup, was not.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, ...

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

When Christ came into this world, His physical body was the same as the one mankind was given. However, Christ's spiritual makeup was very different. It consisted of a spirit which had a divine spiritual nature because it was governed by the full measure of the Holy Spirit. Christ's divine spiritual nature was what empowered Christ to always remain obedient to His Father and why He never sinned. Christ always considered His own needs and desires to be secondary to His obedience to His Father.

In contrast to Christ's obedience to His Father, mankind frequently puts their needs and desires above their obedience to God. Because mankind prioritizes their choices in this way, they often sin against God.

So why did God make mankind spiritually marred and sinful?

God's purpose for this creation is to produce His offspring who will be spiritually like Him and who will have a knowledge of good and evil. To accomplish this goal, God began by creating mankind spiritually marred and subject to vanity. As a result, mankind became carnally minded and sinful. God even created Satan to be mankind's tempter and deceiver so that mankind would have an even fuller experience of evil. In this way, mankind will gain a knowledge of evil, both on the receiving end of evil and on the giving end of evil. Then, after evil has run its course, mankind will begin the process of learning about good. For this purpose, God sent Christ into the world.

These verses apply:

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever:

Isa 45:5-7 I am the LORD, ... I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.

Isa 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

Mankind's carnal mind is hatred towards God and it veils mankind from knowing Him, so much so, that no person has a desire to follow the ways of God or the ability to know Him. It is Satan and his ways that mankind knows and prefers.

To make matters even worse for mankind, Satan was created to feed upon mankind's carnality; the dust of the ground (**Gen 3:14**). For that reason, Satan works to destroy and deceive mankind through mankind's marred spirit which has a carnal and religious spiritual nature.

Now, let's look at how this truth applied to Adam and Eve:

After Adam and Eve were created, they quickly became carnally minded. Christ even put Satan in the Garden of Eden to tempt & deceive Eve so that she would sin. Because Eve was carnally minded, she didn't stand a chance against Satan's deceptions.

Eve even displayed the three carnal causes of sin BEFORE she sinned (**1John 2:16**).

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (**lust of the flesh**), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (**lust of the eyes**), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (**pride of life**), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Here is the formula for mankind's spiritual makeup:

CARNAL MIND + MARRED SPIRIT = ONE FLESH

This formula can be restated using these terms:

MAN + WOMAN/WIFE = ONE FLESH

ADAM + EVE = ONE FLESH

Eve represents mankind's marred spirit which has a carnal and religious spiritual nature and Adam represents mankind's carnal mind. Since Satan deceives mankind through the carnal nature of each person's spirit, Satan went to Eve in the Garden of Eden instead of to Adam.

After Eve sinned, she fed the forbidden fruit to Adam and he sinned as well. Afterwards, Adam and Eve tried to cover their sin by wearing aprons of fig leaves. This act represents the works of their own hands/religion/Satan's crooked way/sin that leads to death.

Since Adam and Eve (one flesh) followed the ways of Satan instead of the ways of Christ, they, in effect, spiritually fornicated with Satan. This act of adultery caused the marriage relationship they had with Christ to end and they were cast out of the Garden of Eden.

God, of course, knew that Adam and Eve were spiritually marred & carnally minded and would become sinful when tempted. And for this reason, God also knew that all of Adam & Eve's offspring would become sinful as well. The truth is that sin entered the world because it was planned and caused to happen by God so that mankind would experience evil.

With God, evil is a tool that He uses for His good and righteous purposes. In this case, His purpose is to create His offspring who will have a knowledge of evil.

AN OVERVIEW OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Because mankind is presently in a spiritually marred and sinful condition, all mankind has become the children of the devil (**1John 3:8-10**). And because the children of the devil have sinned and are under the penalty of sin (death), all mankind is "condemned already" (**John 3:18**). As a result, all mankind is headed for the Lake of Fire (a symbol for judgment, not literal fire) where every person will pay their debt of death as required by the Law.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Because this is the fate that awaits all mankind, the Father sent Jesus Christ into the world with a plan to save every man, woman and child who has ever lived.

1John 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

The first portion of God's plan to save mankind requires a perfect blood sacrifice to be made for the sins of mankind. For that reason, Christ was predestined to make that blood sacrifice from the foundation of the world:

1Pet 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...

Christ's physical work that He did at the cross gave Christ the legal authority to raise mankind from the grave (life) and to make mankind into a new creation (a more abundant life).

This verse applies:

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

By Christ's sacrifice at the cross, Christ earned the keys to death & hell (**Rev 1:18**) which is what gives Christ the legal authority to resurrect mankind from the grave and to make mankind into a child of God.

Christ's death at the cross also made Christ mankind's near kinsman redeemer. Now, all mankind owes their debt of death to Christ which He will be collecting by His judgment at some point in the future from every person who has ever lived:

John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son...

Isa 66:16 For by fire (judgment**) and by his sword (**Word of God/Truth**) will the LORD plead with all flesh (**all mankind**): and the slain of the LORD shall be many (**all mankind**).**

Christ will collect mankind's sin debt by destroying mankind's marred spiritual makeup. When it is destroyed, the sinful child of the devil will be destroyed. It is in this way that Christ collects the debt of death from mankind. But before this destruction occurs, Christ will give mankind a new spiritual makeup so that mankind will become a new creation (child of God) which will continue to live after the death of the child of the devil. The spiritual process that Christ uses to make this change within a person is called conversion.

The analogy of the potter teaches conversion:

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

After Christ has converted all mankind into the children of God, mankind (who are children of the devil) will cease to exist. However, the Kingdom of Heaven, where God's children dwell, will be that much fuller.

GROUP ORDER OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Since mankind's salvation is 100% the work of Christ, no man has the ability to choose the timing of their own salvation.

In this age, Christ is only saving the Elect who were chosen for this blessing from the foundation of the world (**Eph 1:4-6**). Then, at the beginning of the final age, the OT faithful will be saved next with the assistance of the Elect.

Heb 11:39 And these all (**OT faithful**), having obtained **a good report through faith**, received not the promise (**conversion/Promised Land**) **40** God having provided some better thing for us, **that they, without us, should not be made perfect.**

Finally, the balance of mankind will be saved at the end of the final age with the physical descendants of Abraham (Jews) being saved last.

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fullness of the Gentiles come in (all Gentiles saved).** **26** **And so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: **27** For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Mat 19:30 But many that are **first shall be last;** and the last shall be first.

After the last person of mankind is saved, this scripture below will be testified to be true:

1 Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; **4** **who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.** **5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** who gave himself a ransom for all, **to be testified in due time.**

THE PATHWAY TO SALVATION FOR THE ELECT

With a marred spiritual makeup (marred vessel), no person has the ability to “choose” Christ and accept Him as “Lord. The only way mankind can accept Christ is for Christ to individually come to a person beforehand and change them from within.

Christ begins His work of conversion for a person when He comes to them and gives them the Early Rain of the Spirit. This is when a person becomes a babe in Christ and enters the church.

Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the RAIN, as the Latter and Early RAIN unto the earth.**

Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the **EARLY and LATTER RAIN.** **8** Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

After Christ gives His gift of the Early Rain of the Spirit to a person, they will make a confession of faith and will no longer be able to reject Him.

1 Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

Even with just a small measure of the Holy Spirit, an unbeliever will become a believer (a babe in Christ) and will be “called to be a saint” (1Cor 1:2). This is the same event Paul mentions in his 1st letter to the Corinthian church:

1Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ (Early Rain & confession of faith) was confirmed in you: 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end (Latter Rain & conversion), that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After a person has received Christ’s testimony when He writes the law of the Spirit in their heart (the Early Rain), it will be confirmed by their confession of faith and the gifts of the Spirit.

Paul’s conversion testimony also “typed” the receiving of the Early Rain of the Spirit by the events that happened to Paul as he traveled the Damascus Road (Acts 9:3-9). This is the moment when Christ gave Paul the Early Rain of the Spirit and when Paul readily accepted Jesus as his Lord. Like the Corinthian church, this is when Christ’s testimony was confirmed in Paul.

However, the Early Rain of the Spirit is only given in a small measure and will not convert a person. It is not the baptism of the Holy Spirit which comes with strength.

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain (Early Rain) upon the tender herb, and as the showers (Latter Rain) upon the grass:

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain (Early Rain), and to the great rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

Because the Early Rain of the Spirit is only a partial measure of the Spirit, the new believer will remain spiritually blind (Mark 8:21-25) and controlled by their marred spirit and carnal mind. As a result, they will be easy prey for Satan’s deceptions which will cause them to fall from grace and become apostate.

Everyone who is called to be a saint will follow this portion of the Pathway to Salvation. No one can avoid it.

Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

This portion of the pathway (when a babe is under Satan’s deceptions) is called a time of “great tribulation” (Mat 24:21 & Rev 7:14).

To begin the time of great tribulation, Satan will plant the spirit of anti-Christ within the babe (God's temple). This is the Abomination of Desolation that was spoken of by Daniel the prophet (**Mat 24:15**). With the spirit of anti-Christ within the believer, they will be deceived by the lies contained in Satan's "another gospel" (**2Cor 11:4**). This false gospel will teach the babe to mix their own works with faith. This is the crooked way (**Lam 3:9**) and the sin that leads to death (**1John 5:16**).

After the babe has fallen from grace, they will become "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**); an apostate believer and a "man of sin" (**2Thes 2:2-4**).

The apostate believer will remain in this lost and worsened spiritual condition until they die if they are not one of the "few" who are chosen (**Mat 22:14**). If they are one of the chosen Elect, Christ will come to them a second time and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

The Latter Rain of the Spirit is the baptism of the Spirit and it comes with strength. Once received, the Spirit will heal the apostate Elect believer's spiritual blindness and give them a new birth as a child of God. With their spiritual blindness healed, Christ will appear to the newly born child of God and will spiritually gather them to heaven (**Mat 24:29-31**).

After the child of God is gathered to heaven, the Elect believer is now ready (been made blameless, **1Cor 1:8**) for the Day of the Lord to commence. This judgment will remove & destroy the spirit of anti-Christ and the marred spirit (called the Great Harlot) from within them (**Mat 24:37-41**). After this judgment is complete, the Elect believer will be converted and saved.

After the last Elect believer is converted and saved, this present age will come to an end and the bodily resurrection will take place. At that time, all mankind will appear before the White Throne of Christ where He will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who are found in the Lamb's book of Life. They include both the Elect and the OT faithful. The balance of mankind (the goats) will then be cast into the Lake of Fire where Christ will judge them by the Law.

THE PATHWAY TO SALVATION FOR THE OT FAITHFUL

Because the OT faithful were not converted before they died, Christ will come to them and give them the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Spirit, they will be born as a child of God. The Day of the Lord will then immediately follow and spiritually purify them just as it did for the Elect in the previous age. Next, with the assistance of the Elect, Christ will feed the OT faithful His bread and New Wine. After they have been spiritually strengthened by the truth and their ways have been made righteous by the chastisement of Christ & the Elect, they will become a perfect man of full age. They will then be ready to join the Elect where they will reign with Christ over the balance of mankind who were previously cast into the Lake of Fire.

THE PATHWAY TO SALVATION FOR THE BALANCE OF MANKIND

The Lake of Fire is a symbol for Christ's judgment where He will administer the penalties prescribed by the Law to the balance of mankind (those who were not found in the Lamb's book of Life). During their time of judgment, Christ will not omit justice, mercy and faith:

Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Before any of the "lost" perish by Christ's judgments, Christ will show mercy to them.

His mercy will come to the Gentiles first and it will come to them as the Early and Latter Rains of the Spirit. With the Spirit indwelling each of them, the lost Gentiles will have faith and be born as a child of God. Christ will then gather the new child of God to heaven, leaving the child of the devil in the Lake of Fire to perish. This death will satisfy justice.

After the "fullness of the Gentiles" (Rom 11:25) has been brought into the Kingdom of Heaven, Christ will turn His attention to the physical nation of Israel who still remains lost. Christ will then have mercy upon each of them and convert them into a child of God - just as He did with the Gentiles. After the last Jewish person is saved, the ages will come to an end. Next, Christ will deliver up the Kingdom of Heaven (now containing all mankind) to His Father so that "God may be all in all":

1Cor 15: 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the consummation, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all (no one left out).

SUMMARY

God does not fail and He never makes mistakes. What mankind is experiencing now is how God produces His new children. This is the meaning of life and why God created mankind. And due to the successful work of Jesus Christ, no one will be lost.

One final point:

Mankind is NOT restored to the Father because it is mankind's "will" to be restored to Him. Mankind is restored to the Father because it is God's "will" for it to happen.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Mankind truly has a loving and merciful God & Creator who will do all that is necessary to save each and every person. In the end, God will have many new children!