

God's Purpose for His People

Ephesians 1:1-14

God's purpose for us is that our hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits should radiate the love flowing out of the Gospel of Christ. He wants this love to move beyond an inward, personal experience, and manifest itself in practical deeds motivated by kindness and good will. Thus the glory of his grace can be returned to him.

- I. God wants to reveal his purpose for our individual lives.
 - A. We must first commit ourselves to discovering God.
 - B. We must adhere to that commitment under all circumstances.
 - C. We must ask God to reveal his nature and purpose for our lives.
- II. God's purpose is different from that of the world.
 - A. Education, economics, politics, etc. serve God's purpose; they don't exceed it.
 - B. To stand together as God's people means to be separate from Satan.
 - C. The church has to be the main instrument of God's purpose; it must reject preoccupation with worldliness and burn with a passion for the redemption of humanity.
- III. God wants to reveal his universal purpose to all.
 - A. His purpose is infinite and eternal. There is no limit to the ways, means, methods, and circumstances that God can use to fulfill that purpose – to flood the universe with love.
 - B. For God's purpose, all things are useful, all people have value.
 - C. God IS. He can answer all questions, solve all problems, and bring eternal blessings out of every situation.

Conclusion

The purpose of God will prevail. His will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He will sweep aside all Satanic opposition. The tabernacle of God will be in the midst of his people. As we fulfill our portion of responsibility, God will prove that all things work together for good to them that love God.