

What was God's Purpose in Creating Man?

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Why did God create man? What did God do in order to carry out His plan? How is God applying His salvation to man today?

The above questions are all related to a particular topic in the Bible referred to as

God's Plan of Salvation

God's plan of salvation is the secret to understanding God's purpose in creating man and this topic contains six major points. This week at our Irvine Christian Students bible studies we covered the first two points: (1) God's Purpose and (2) Man.

ONE – God's Purpose

God has a purpose. All men need purpose. All men seek for a purpose. All of us whether we're a Christian or not spend much time contemplating and considering OUR own purpose. What's the purpose of my life? Why am I doing what I'm doing? What's the reason for my existence?

BUT have we ever stopped to think about what God's purpose is? God the almighty, the all powerful and all knowing One, the creator of universe, what could such a being want? As we will see our OWN purpose pales in comparison to HIS purpose and more importantly we'll see that the two are intimately related to one another.

Actually it was according to God's purpose that the entire universe exists. And it was according to His purpose that God created the earth with all the things in it. And it was according to God's purpose that He created man. Romans 8:29a says:

"Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son..."

God in eternity past before the universe existed had a desire, He wanted something. And according to this desire He made a plan and this plan became God's purpose. This verse gives us a window into what that purpose is and who it concerns. It states that "He" (God) foreknew "those" (man). So God had a plan from the very beginning before the universe existed and this plan concerns man.

But what did God foreknow and predestinate man for? The verse goes on, "to be conformed to the image of His Son". "His Son" in this verse is Jesus Christ. So God wants men to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus Christ.

This thought is also found in another place in the bible, Genesis 1:26a, which says:

"And God said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

Here it clearly states that man was created in the image of God. For example, a glove was made in the image and likeness of a human hand. And so there is a specific and unique purpose to a glove. It is possible that one would use the glove to hold candy or use it as a decoration on a wall, but we would all agree that this is not the original intended purpose for the glove. No, the glove was made for the unique purpose to contain the hand.

So God created MAN in His OWN image in order that He could get into man and be expressed through man! This is the main point. Man was created by God in His image for the purpose of expressing God. God's purpose is to express Himself to the universe through man.

TWO – Man

In order for God to get into man and be expressed through man God created man in a very special and particular way. 1 Thes. 5:23 says:

*“And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The Bible reveals that man is a tripartite being with a body, soul, and spirit. And each of these parts was designed by God to contact and contain something very particular.

Man has a body to contact the physical realm. Through man's five senses of sight, touch, hearing, smell, and taste he interacts and takes into him the things of the physical material realm. For example we enjoy a delicious bowl of ice cream not by merely thinking about it but by putting it in our mouth and eating it!

Man also has a soul. This part is deeper than the body. Man's soul was created to contact and contain the things of the psychological world. With our soul we think, feel, and make decisions every day. Our soul also takes in the things for the psychological realm i.e. cramming our head with knowledge before a midterm.

But man has yet another part. The innermost part of man's being is the human spirit. And our spirit was created by God to contact and contain the things of the spiritual realm. John 4:24 says:

*“God is **Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship **in spirit and truthfulness**.”*

God is Spirit. His essence, His “make-up” is spirit. Just as we would say a table is wood, that the essence of a table is wood, the Bible says that God is Spirit.

This verse also shows us that man has a spirit. And with his spirit man can contact and contain the things of the spiritual realm, namely GOD! So just as we use our body to contact and contain the things of the physical realm, and likewise our mind to contact and contain the things of the psychological realm, we have a spirit to contact God and receive God into us as our content!

Herein is the purpose of God's creation of man. Man was created by God in order that man would express God. And in order that man could express God, God created man with a body, soul, and most importantly a spirit. With this spirit man can contact and receive God into him as his content. Once a man contacts God and receives God into him, that man becomes a vessel filled with God thus enabling him to express God! This is the purpose of God's creation of man!

