

ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

ROMANS 8:28; ACTS 11

Text: Acts 11:3, Romans 8:28

(Acts 11:23) "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

(Romans 8:28) "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Introduction:

Every person has a purpose. Not all purposes are the same, but that however doesn't diminish the importance of it.

I believe that we can see from God's Word the importance of complete our purpose.

Notice:

1. PURPOSE OF GOD

(John 3:16-18) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. {17} For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. {18} He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

A. God purpose was to redeem fallen man.

1. Why

a. Because of His love for man.

2. How

a. Though Jesus Christ

1. Not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved.

2. Man is condemned already

God's purpose was to redeem fallen man back to Himself.

2. PURPOSE OF CHRIST

A. To save from sin.

(Matthew 1:21) "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

(Matthew 18:11-14) "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. {12} How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? {13} And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. {14} Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

(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."

B. To fulfill the law

(Matthew 5:17) "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

C. Do the will of God

(John 4:34) "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

1. Not only was He concerned about doing the will of God, but He was concerned about finishing it as well.

D. Destroy the work of the Devil

(1 John 3:8) "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

3. PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN

- A. We are sent for the same purpose with the exception of providing salvation as was Christ.

(John 20:21) "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

- B. We are here for His purpose.

(2 Timothy 1:9) "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"

C. Taking His purpose and making it our purpose should be very obvious to the world and those around you.

(2 Timothy 3:10) "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,"

Close:

God help us to make His purpose our purpose. Having compassion enough on men to share the Gospel with them.

(Acts 11:23) "Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

We have the right doctrine, but do we have the right purpose.