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CHRIST EXPLAINS : GOD'S PURPOSES

CHRIST : PURPOSE OF GOD Eph 1:9,11 1Joh 3:8

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which **he hath purposed in himself**:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according **to the purpose of him** who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

1Jo 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** <u>of the devil.</u>

<u>CHRIST : GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSES IN CHRIST:</u> Eph 3:11 2Tim 1:9 Eph 3:11 According to the **eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ** Jesus our Lord:

2Ti 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 (chrono:space of time) began,**

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even **in him:**

CHRIST EXPLAINS : THE SECRET & MYSTERY OF GOD : Rom 16:25

(THOUGH ALLUDED TO & FORE-SHADOW ALL THRU OT.....Ezekiel's wheel in the middle of the wheel)

Ro 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the **revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret** since the world(chrono) began,

Eph 3:9 And to **make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the

beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

CHRIST THE MYSTERY: Eph 3:3-4, 3:9, 5:32 Col 1:26-27, 2:2 Finished: Rev 10:7

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made **known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Eph 3:9 And to <u>make all men see</u> what is **the fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, (God's intention was to use his called out, church to manifest his multi-facted wisdom to the rulers, authorities, and principalities of the darkness of this world)

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Col 1:26 Even **the mystery which hath been** hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles**; which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**:

Col 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the **acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;**

Re 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished,** as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

MYSTERY OF CHRIST EXPLAINS : "CREATION" that Christ be All & in All

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is **the beginning, the firstborn** from the dead; that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Christ explains the Why?.. of creation. He is the center of God's universe. The center of God's purpose. The center of God's activity. The center of God's power. The center of God's authority. The center of God's government. The center of gravity and God's support. He is the Hub, the Glue, the Nail by which all things are held together.

Ro 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

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

Ro 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be **delivered from the bondage of** corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Ro 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to **be conformed to the** *image* of his Son, that he might be the *firstborn among many brethren*.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and **it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

God's eternal purposes will be realized in that day. And Christ Jesus will be All and in All.

MYSTERY OF CHRIST EXPLAINS : THAT CHRIST JESUS MIGHT "BE ALL & IN ALL"

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ;** Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:** Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us **with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

Col 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were **created by him, and for him**: Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: **but Christ is all, and in all**. Col 1:17 And **he is before all things**, and **by him all things consist**. Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence**. Col 2:3 **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**. Col 2:9 For **in him** dwelleth **all the fulness** of the Godhead bodily.

MYSTERY OF CHRIST EXPLAINS : "MAN" that Christ be All & in All

When God said Let us make man in our / his own image; Adam was a figure, shape, type, resemblance of Christ; Christ Jesus, the expressed image of God. Adam was the die or model for the natural man, the 1st Adam; *but, the original was that spiritual man, Christ Jesus*. It was God's ultimate purpose that just as the natural man was to bear the image of the earthly Adam, ... man would also bear the image of the heavenly spiritual man, the 2nd Adam, the express image of God's person; Christ Jesus the Lord.

Ro 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of **Adam**'s transgression, **who is the figure of him that was to come**.

Ge 1:27 So **God created man in his own image,** in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

1Co 15:49 And as we have **borne the image of the earthy**, we shall also **bear the image of the heavenly.**

MYSTERY OF CHRIST EXPLAINS : "REDEMPTION & CALVARY" ... Christ be All & in All

Lucifer's rebellion of self-expression and self-exaltation brought heavenly dis-unity, fracture and his subsequent ouster with 1/3 of the angels. At the fall of Adam & Eve, man became flesh (Gen 6:3) and became fleshly driven ...by that same nature of self-expression & gratification & lust which had divided heaven. (all that is in the world, lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride "I" of life) Man became Satan's servant and Satan's handmaiden.

Christ came to reverse and un-do Satan's hold upon Adam's race. Thus the Word became flesh and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ, ...conceived without lust, or flesh or the will of man. He was God's glory as the only begotten Son. Christ, the 2nd Adam, would face the same temptation to exalt himself above God's will (As both Lucifer and the 1st Adam faced & failed), ...but Christ, lived out in the flesh a victory by overcoming at every turn. He completely submitted his will to the father, without sin, overcoming sin in the flesh.

By man's faith in Christ, man's identification with Christ's cross death, burial, and resurrection; man takes up his cross (a crucified life is imprinted on each man) and empowered by Christ's indwelling Spirit and also led into submitting to the father's will. By believing in Christ's perfect sacrifice, by taking up man's personal cross, and receiving Christ Jesus' overcoming Spirit, (the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit); man is reconciled to God by his submitted participation in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Man, without supernatural spiritual help, could never overcome the flesh nature on his own. But, thru Christ Jesus, the way, it is possible.

Isa 14:12-15 Rev 12:7-9 Joh 1:13-14

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Re 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Re 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

CHRIST EXPLAINS : OUR EXPERIENCES & MATURING IN HIM ... Christ be All & in All

It explains our flesh experiences, our flesh difficulties, our flesh reverses, our flesh trials, ...our identification and participation in His Cross, our daily cross. *It is the laying down*

of our lives, the losing of our life that the life of Christ might live in us. I am crucified with him, nevertheless I live, but not I, but Christ that liveth in me.... **....that Christ be All & in All.** It is all about Him.

God's redemption plan is worked-out thru our lives by the imprinting of the cross upon our daily life.... Our wildernesses, our bondages, our deliverances, our chastisements are all to empty us of ourselves and fill us up with Christ ...as all and in all. That He may be glorified. Our Father knows what experiences we each need which will bring us to our ford of the Jabbok river, our emptying out of our Self, our emptying out of "I", ...to that place of the losing of our life, that we might live in him**that Christ be All & in All.**

Christian maturity or spiritual growth in Christ Jesus is not the comprehension of truths, understanding of revelations, explanations of prophecies, nor, as I once thought, having a command of doctrines....

True spiritual maturity was expressed by John the Baptist..... **He must increase, ... I must decrease.** It is about <u>*his increase*</u> in me and <u>*my decrease*</u> in me.

This is where the daily impact of the cross, my cross comes to play upon my life. It is all about my submission to His divine will.... I can come off my cross at any timeBut if I stay, but if I submit ... a greater Christ glory comes upon my life. This is the real test of spiritual growth.

In this generation's Christian community there is an emphasis on discovery of self, n emphasis in maximizing our true natural talents and strengths as a path to a greater walk and victory in Christ. Even though it is done to further Christ, it is the wrong approach.

The *promotion of Christ* comes from the maximizing of His Spirit, His Strengths, His Life in our lives. Not the maximizing of the attributes of the natural man, only the maximizing of the attributes of the spiritual man, Christ Jesus. The attempt to promote Christ in our life, using natural attributes rather than submitting to the Holy Ghost is simply a "natural" thing, a carnal thing and never yields advancement or growth in Christ. Only by dying to our selves can there be a greater measure of living in Christ by the Spirit of the inner man.

It is all about **Christ's magnification** in this earth. It is all about **Christ's ascension** in man. **Christ's pre-eminence** in this earth. that... Christ may be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death"? (Phil. 1:20). Christ is All & in All

CHRIST EXPLAINS : THE OLD TESTAMENTthat Christ be All & in All

The Old Testament is the accumulation of <u>types, figures, shadows, illustrations and</u> <u>representations of Christ</u> which God wanted to share with us. These illustrations cover the spectrum of experiences of ...specific individuals, ...prophets, ...kings, ...priests, and the daily life of natural Israel, and spiritual life within the tabernacle and temple.

In the Old Testament we see a people who are un-qualified, un-educated, un-trained, in any of the areas which make for conquering and greatness among the nations. Yet, one thing they do have. It is not their expertise in any political, military, or governmental techniques. It is their commitment to God. Their commitment to God's truths, laws, commandments, and God's life is held so close to their hearts by their faith in God, that their enemies fall at their feet from no apparent outward ability.

They showed their secular age (world), that their ability was their walk with their God.

As He was glorified with the death of their will; their living unto God's will, brought unexplained ...deliverance, ...victory and ...dominance over nations that were greater than them. Their maginification of God's testimony in the earth elevated their nation above other nations. God was glorified. Christ is All and in All. The anointing of God is all and in all.

CHRIST WAS THE O.T. SCRIPTURES: JOH 5:46 LUK 24:27, 44-45 ACTS 8:35

Joh 5:46 For had ye believed **Moses**, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me**.

Lu 24:27 And **beginning at Moses and all the prophets,** he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things **concerning himself.**

Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, **which were written** in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me.** Lu 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might **understand the scriptures**,

Ac 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus.**

Hebrews 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

IT WAS ALL ABOUT CHRIST (from Beginning to End) (Matt 1:1 and Rev 1:1)

Mt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Re 1:1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: