

The Perfect Plan of God

The Plan of God is not mystical or hidden but is clearly revealed in the Bible for all believers to see. The truth of the Scriptures is actually hidden from the unbelievers and carnal believers. The only way to discover the will and plan of God for your life is through progressive, systematic, and consistent intake of Bible doctrines. There are four basic truths related to the Plan of God.

God exists. This article begins with the fact that God exists, and whether or not you think God exists is not a concern at the moment. What should concern you is maintaining logical and clear thought without being arbitrary in assuming that God does not exist. A logical person would base his claim that God does not exist on rationalism and empiricism. Rationalism determines reality through reason, while empiricism determines reality through what you touch, smell, taste, hear and see.

When it comes to spiritual matter, we accept and perceive things on the basis of faith. Faith determines reality through confidence in the authority or veracity of someone with infallible character. Now when I say, God exists, I mean I believe by faith that He has always existed, not as figment of my imagination, but as a perfect, eternal, and spiritual Person.

God reveals Himself. The sovereign, omniscient and omnipotent God created man to whom He reveals Himself through His Word. If God has always existed and He created mankind, then it follows that He will reveal Himself to mankind and He must reveal Himself in a way that man can understand.

God has a plan for you. God has a perfect plan created in the eternity past for the imperfect man, and you are the object of His plan. If God exists, He reveals Himself and has a perfect plan for you, then, He deserves to be heard. You owe God a hearing. Nothing is required from men except that he open his mind and heart toward God. All you need to do is to listen to God what God says through His Word.

We have nothing in this world that we can give to God except a hearing. Whether or not you listen is your own free will volition. It depends on your choice. The perfect plan of God contends with human imperfection, depravity and flaws. The human nature is far beneath God's perfect standard of holiness and righteousness disqualifying us from fellowship with Him.

God designed a three-phase grace plan so that men might approach Him.

- Your salvation
- Your lifetime as a believer
- Your life in the eternal state

Salvation is the free gift of God to man. Man has no capacity to earn or purchase his own salvation because of man's total depravity (Mark 10:18). There is no such thing as sinless perfection of men for all have sinned (Romans 2:23) and will continue to exist in the world with the old sinful nature. Salvation is the finished work of Christ. He died for all the sins of all men of all time. No sin was excluded from the penalty He paid. (Galatians 1:4, Hebrews 2:17) God became a perfect humanity in order to die in behalf of all men on a cross (John 3:16)

Men will go to hell not because of sins but because of the rejection of free gift of salvation. There is nothing we can do or add to the perfect work of Christ. God saves us not on the basis of our good work or righteousness but on the basis of Christ's perfect work. Salvation is the status of the soul where a person is permanently saved and eternally secured as guaranteed by the perfect immutable and character of God.

Salvation is not an expectation but the reality of eternal life. Salvation is the possession of eternal life (the life of God) imputed to any person at the moment of faith in Christ. Eternal life is made possible only through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Eternal life was designed for heaven and not here on earth, therefore. God will radically remove us (Christians) from this world at the proper time.

Salvation is the key that opens to the plan of Grace for believers. People who believe in Christ have the privilege of entering immediately into the divine plan of grace.

The plan of grace is the life designed by God for every believer to live under the control, power and guidance of the Holy Spirit in both prosperity and adversity. The life in phase two of the plan of grace is always under attack by Satan, the cosmic system and by the old sinful nature. The believers must overcome every trial, assault or temptation that might swiftly come to destroy the believer.

God did not design the Christian life in time to end in carnality and defeat. We are bestowed with the omniscient power of God and the resources of heaven to battle and shun away all the fiery darts of the devil. Christians are victorious through Christ. The life of the believer in time is a continuous battle against the policy of the devil and the world. This battle is called the spiritual warfare.

The venue of the spiritual warfare is the soul of the believer, not on planet earth where the angelic conflict is going on. The old sin nature and the Holy Spirit are battling over control of the soul, but both operate only according to the free will decision of the soul. The plan of God for believers in time is to grow and reach spiritual maturity by using the heavenly resources but this is not easy because of three enemies:

- The old sinful nature
- The world
- The devil

The plan of God for believers in time provides every believer with a blueprint for the Christian life. But unless we understand who God is, who we are and what God does for us, His plan remains obscure. None of us earn or deserve what God gives us, everything depends on His grace. The entire plan of God for man can be summarized in one word: grace. The first step to glorifying God in time is to consistently utilize the grace provision of rebound. Exercising rebound is only the beginning of the Christian's greater privileges.

The Church Age believers have advantages and privileges beyond our imagination (Eph. 1:3, 18, 3:20). God has freely given you riches, and only Bible doctrine reveals the treasures of God's plan for you.

Learning to use God's grace provision should be the goal and purpose of every believer. Your Christian life cannot proceed to spiritual maturity without the full wisdom (epignosis) of Bible doctrine as your guide and source of power.

As we advance from being spiritual babes to spiritual adults, only then can we begin to fully understand and execute God's command for us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18). The stay of the believers in time is a grace provision designed for the purpose of attaining spiritual maturity being citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20). The final phase of God's plan for the believers is in heaven guaranteed to every believer (1 Peter 1:4-5). At the very moment a believer departs from this life, he will stand face to face with the Lord forever (2 Cor. 5:8). Every believer will receive a resurrection body at the Rapture, a body like that of the resurrected Christ, without old sin nature (1 Cor. 15:35-45) and freedom from all imperfections.

The believers will dwell in mansions (John 14:2) in the New Jerusalem which come down from heaven (Rev. 21:2), the city of pure gold (Rev. 21:16-27). Every Church Age believer shall be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Bema), so they may be rewarded according to their divine good deeds (2 Cor. 5:10). The evaluation is made on the basis of each believer's execution of God's plan in time. Sins are not judged since all sins were already judged on the cross.

Believers are judged on the production of human good works (loss of rewards) not divine good works (attaining rewards). Human good are works done under the power and control of the flesh or old sin nature.

Divine good works are done under the power and control of the Holy Spirit whenever the believer is spiritual. Rewards are called crowns (wreath) which are spectacular and eternal reminders of the believer's growth and faithfulness in executing the plan of God in time in time. God commanded us to think in divine viewpoint so His gracious purpose can be fulfilled in our life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Distinct facts about the purpose of God:

- The purpose of God is eternal
- The purpose of God includes all things (Isa. 45:7; Rom. 11:36) that God desire, designed and destined man to be.
- The purpose of God has for its particular and peculiar design the spiritual and eternal benefit the believers. Everything God has purposed is for the ultimate, spiritual, and eternal blessedness of his covenant people.
- The purpose of God is immutable and sure. What God does He always purposed to do and that which comes to pass in time is exactly what God purposed from eternity (Isa. 46:10).
- In its ultimate conclusion, God's purpose will accomplish the eternal salvation of his elect and the glory of his own great name.

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