

Our Primary Purpose

[Transcript of recorded response to discussion of the article “The Primary Purpose”¹]

To find out God’s primary purpose for the Church – or should I say the *ekklesia* – we have actually got to go back and find out what his primary intent was for humanity, because that is his primary purpose.² What we have looked at in the article “The Primary Purpose” is a sub-purpose in the big plan. The original plan was to have sons in the natural realm overseeing the planet, or the natural realm, for Father, guided by him, with the authority to do whatever he wants. That was the position Adam found himself in. So that was God’s primary purpose, and **his purpose has not changed**. Father wants sons, sons just like him – we’re made in the image of him.

So in actual fact – and I have taught on this before,³ and it is heretical to some people – we are little gods. All the people at the moment who are trying to find out how to make themselves god in these other religions, they don’t have to do it because we are his sons. So if our father is God, we are his sons. And Paul says that in two places in the New Testament. In his epistles he talks about our deity. It’s all there, it is just that the Church doesn't mention it because it's not seen as 'kosher', you just don’t talk about it.

But that’s where God’s purpose is. With the Fall, that was kiboshed, and so the plan at the moment is to get that back again. And so, in the teaching I did on the previous Kingdom (as in the spirit realm), the establishment of the Kingdom, the Kingdom lost, the prototype Kingdom, the Kingdom reintroduced, and the Kingdom established, there is a whole process to get us back to where Adam was. So the purpose is for us to be like Adam. And one of the things the Lord said to me, in one of my journal articles was, “I’m pleased to see that that’s where you want to be. There’s not many people around that actually want that”. That’s it.

When we get born again, our spiritual DNA is changed and we are back where Adam was. All we’ve got to do is learn how to be like Adam. But while ever there’s religion around, religion is taking us away to the manmade thing instead of the Heaven thing.

So God’s primary purpose is for us to be sons. That's a son with an intimate relationship with him, operating with his power and his authority on the Earth. Then later on, through the whole galaxy and through the whole universe, but that’s another story – a bit too big to tackle at the moment.

So **Father wants his sons back again**. Because of the Fall, we’ve got to make a choice whether we want to come back into sonship and intimacy with him. He wants his sons back, and the way he gets his sons back is mainly through us. When they see the Kingdom manifested in us, they have to desire it.

Jesus didn’t go round preaching the Gospel. He actually went round speaking about the good news of the Kingdom of God that had arrived. We've hijacked the word 'Gospel' from its original Roman usage. (That by the way, means “there’s a new Caesar (king)”, and the new king is going to maintain the system and keep *Pax Romana*, so everybody rejoice – “Yahoo. We’re safe!”) But Jesus spoke about the good news of the Kingdom of God, that’s all he ever talked about. He only mentioned once about being born again, and that’s when Nicodemus asked him a specific question. The rest of the time he demonstrated the Kingdom, and people flocked after him. He said that, since John the Baptist, people are forcing their way into the Kingdom – “We want to get in, we want to get in. We’ve seen what you do. We like it. We want it”. But they had to wait for his sacrifice to be made so that the 'door' would be finally opened so they could come in.

So Jesus told his disciples to be the light and the salt to the world, and they are the things that were to attract people to the Kingdom.

When Jesus said to his disciples, “You are to preach in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the world”, he actually didn’t exactly say that. In the English translation it says, “the uttermost parts of the world”, but the word there translated 'world' is actually *ge* (Gk) which means 'land'. So it actually means 'the local area'. It doesn’t mean the whole world. So he actually told his disciples in that particular point there, in that verse, they are to go to the Middle East, Asia Minor and that area. I just thought I would mention that, because that’s about knowing what Jesus really said rather than what we

1 – Brian Medway “The Primary Purpose: Rediscovering the Biblical Reason for the Church”
(caloundrachurchofchrist.org.au/wp-content/uploads/PrimaryPurpose-1-1.pdf)

2 – “God’s Plan for Mankind” (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Gods-Plan-for-Mankind.pdf)

3 – “CHALLENGE: God-likeness” (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CHALLENGE-god-likeness.pdf)

“CHALLENGE: God-likeness Revisited” (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CHALLENGE-god-likeness-revisited.pdf)

think is the truth.

Jesus is our prototype. He was the first Spirit-filled human being. Before that time, the Spirit came upon people and left. He was the first Spirit-filled human being, so he is our prototype. Whatever he did, we are supposed to do, except that he had a mission, and our mission isn't the same necessarily as his. The first apostles also had a specific mission, which was to 'kick things off'. There's actually no record in Acts particularly, and in the Epistles, that everybody went around evangelizing. It basically says that they lived their lives and loved each other and shared everything⁴ and everybody loved them and wanted to join them⁵. It didn't say they were on the street corners, on their soap-boxes preaching to the lost. They demonstrated the Kingdom, because Jesus said, "If you love one another, they'll know that this is the real thing, and they'll want it". And that's what we've got to demonstrate.

At any particular time, when we are demonstrating the Kingdom with power and with love, we have the opportunity to speak to them about it: "Well, would you like to join? This can be yours too, you know. It's free". Well, it's not really free. You've got to give up your life and surrender it to the King of the Universe. So, we say, "If you want all this, that's the price you've got to pay".

The Lord is doing a new thing with us at the moment. We've been through the evangelical period, we're in a time of Kingdom expansion, and that expansion is by the demonstration of the Kingdom. A couple of years ago when Peter Kumar was here, he got a group of us together and said, "This is what you're supposed to be doing in Canberra. This is what I do in India, this will work in Canberra". Basically what he was doing was evangelism – the same as the article we've just been reading. His method didn't sit right with me, besides the fact that what works in India doesn't necessarily work here in Australia. But there were seeds in what he said. As I meditated on it and allowed the Holy Spirit to show me what to do, he showed me what to do, and that was a method for impacting people with the Kingdom, just as Jesus did. The method is for the 'lost' – to use a church term – as well as those who aren't.

So wherever we go, we carry the Kingdom, and the most important thing that they will see, as Jesus said, is love. That's *agape* love, which is not based on emotion, but emotion comes out of it. This love is based on a decision to love.

Jesus presented the Gospel of the Kingdom or the good news of the Kingdom, not the good news of Salvation. That's the bigger picture. For us, our focus is what Heaven's focus is. Heaven's focus is Father's will being done on Earth, and that's **to see Daniel's vision of the statue⁶ come to full fruition, which is the Kingdom filling the whole Earth.**

The Gospel of Salvation is based on a theology. By that I mean: what people believe is the truth, as opposed to what we are finding out is reality. There are lots of other theologies from our past that are causing us to believe certain erroneous things, and I hope to share those with you in the coming weeks. I picked up this information while I was away on my break last week. I will speak on it in Yass in a fortnight and I'll also speak here about it. It's important, because there's a lot of things in our personal theology that has tied us up in knots. Why? Because it won't allow us the freedom that we're supposed to have, as religion keeps us bound up (in bondage), whereas there is freedom in the Kingdom. I want to bring that freedom to you so you can smile a bit more and relax a bit more.

It's the Gospel of the Kingdom you share, wherever you have the opportunity, and that kingdom is open for everyone because Father wants his sons back. Free choice, but there's a cost to pay. No need to preach 'hell fire and brimstone' because Jesus didn't. He mentioned it a number of times – don't get me wrong – if you read the small amount that was recorded in the Gospels. His was basically a positive message, except to the religious people where he basically said, "There's not a very nice thing waiting for you".

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4 – e.g. Acts 2:41-47

5 – e.g. Acts 2:47

6 – Daniel 2:31-45