

UNDERSTANDING GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN FOR THE WORLD AND FOR ME

Seeing the Big Picture (Session 1 of CLASS 101)

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"God has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

WHAT IS GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN?

1. EVERYTHING STARTS WITH GOD!

"For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory." Romans 11:36 (TLB)

"The Lord has made everything for his own purpose." Proverbs 16:4 (GW)

"Everything, absolutely everything ... got started in him and finds its purpose in him." Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

2. GOD IS LOVE!

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God ... Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love!" 1 John 4:7a-8 (NIV)

3. GOD LOVED YOU BEFORE HE MADE THE UNIVERSE!

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, HE HAD US IN MIND, and had settled on us as the focus of his love." Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

"God decided to give us life through his Word of truth so that we might be the most important of all of his creation!" James 1:18 (NCV)

"I'm your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!" Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

4. GOD WANTED A FAMILY HE COULD LOVE FOREVER!

"God has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his Son, so that his Son would be the first of MANY children." Romans 8:29 (CEV)

5. GOD'S FAMILY IS THE CHURCH!

"God's family is the church of the living God." 1 Timothy 3:15b (GW)

"When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall on my knees and pray to the Father of the great family of God—some already in heaven and some here on earth." Ephesians 3:14-15 (TLB)

6. THE CHURCH IS THE ONLY THING IN THE UNIVERSE THAT'S GOING TO LAST FOREVER

"This world and everything in it is passing away, but those who do the will of God are going to live forever." 1 John 2:17 (GNT)

"In his boundless mercy God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family. And now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3b (TLB)

"No eye has ever seen, and no ear has ever heard, and no mind has ever imagined the wonderful things that God has prepared for those who love him!" 1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW)

7. JESUS DIED FOR US TO MAKE THIS PLAN POSSIBLE

"Jesus died for us so that ... we can live together with him." 1 Thessalonians 5:10 (NIV)

"It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for ... part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone." Ephesians 1:11-12 (MSG)

"This is the plan: At the right time, God will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth!" Ephesians 1:10 (NLT)

8. JESUS IS WAITING TO RETURN FOR TWO REASONS:

- **HE WANTS MORE PEOPLE IN HIS FAMILY!**

"The Lord is not being slow about his promise to return ... Instead he is being patient. He doesn't want anyone to be lost, and he wants all people to repent and turn to him." 2 Peter 3:9

- **HE WANTS US TO PRACTICE 5 PURPOSES**

GOD HAS 5 PURPOSES FOR YOUR LIFE ON EARTH

1. GOD PLANNED ME FOR HIS PLEASURE.

"For you (God) created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created." Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

"The Lord takes pleasure in his people." Psalm 149:4 (GNT)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment!" Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

1st Purpose on Earth: LEARN TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD

“I don’t want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don’t want your offerings—I want you to know me!” Hosea 6:6 (TLB)

The Bible calls this _____

“Some people have missed the most important thing in life—they don’t know God.” 1 Timothy 6:21 (TLB)

“People who don’t know God are always worrying.” Matthew 6:32 (CEV)

2. GOD FORMED ME FOR HIS FAMILY

“(God’s) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure.” Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“God ... has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family.” 1 Peter 1:3 (TLB)

“That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15b (NCV)

“LOVE your spiritual family!” 1 Peter 2:17 (MSG)

58 “one anothers”**2nd Purpose on Earth: LEARN TO LOVE GOD’S FAMILY!**

The Bible calls this _____

“We belong to each other and each needs all the others.” Romans 12:5b (TLB)

3. GOD CREATED ME TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST

“From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—SHOULD BECOME LIKE HIS SON.” Romans 8:29 (TLB)

“We look at God’s Son and see ... God’s original purpose in everything created.” Colossians 1:15 (MSG)

“In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5 (NCV)

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.” 2 Corinthians 3:18b (TLB)

3rd Purpose on Earth: LEARN TO GROW TO MATURITY

The Bible calls this _____

“[Some people have] such shallow soil of character that when the emotions wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing to show for it.” Mark 4:17 (MSG)

4. GOD SHAPED ME TO SERVE HIM

“You shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13 (MSG)

Spiritual Gifts**Heart****Abilities****Personality****Experiences**

“God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.” Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

4th Purpose on Earth: LEARN TO SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

The Bible calls this _____

5. GOD MADE ME FOR A MISSION

“In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” John 17:18 (MSG)

“Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him ... So we have been sent to speak for Christ!” 2 Corinthians 5:18b, 20b (NCV)

“The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.” Acts 20:24b (NCV)

“Jesus said, ‘Go everywhere in the world, and tell EVERYONE the Good News!’” Mark 16:15 (NCV)

5th Purpose on Earth: LEARN TO BRING OTHERS TO JESUS

The Bible calls this _____

A CHURCH FAMILY WILL HELP ME

- **Center my life around God** (worship)
- **Connect my life to his eternal family** (fellowship)
- **Cultivate my life with spiritual growth** (discipleship)
- **Contribute something back with my life** (ministry)
- **Communicate my life message** (mission)

1. worship 2. fellowship 3. discipleship 4. ministry 5. evangelism

明白上帝對世界和我們永恆的計劃

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「上帝...將永恆種在世人心裏。儘管如此，自始至終，上帝工作的全貌，人無法看到。」
傳道書 3:11 (新普及譯本)

上帝的永恆計劃是甚麼？

1. 一切從上帝開始

「因為一切都是出於他，(一切) 依賴他的大能而存在，(一切) 為了他的榮耀而設立。」
羅馬書 11:36 (新普及譯本)

「上主造萬物各有目的。」
箴言 16:4 (新普及譯本)

「萬有都是靠他造的，並在他身上找到目的。」
歌羅西書 1:16 (和合本/意譯)

2. 上帝是愛

「親愛的朋友們，我們要繼續彼此相愛，因為愛是從上帝來的。凡是不愛人的，就不認識上帝，因為上帝就是愛。」
約翰一書 4:7-8 (新普及譯本)

3. 上帝在創造宇宙之前就愛你

「神從創立世界以前，就揀選了我們，使我們作為祂愛的焦點。」
以弗所書 1:4 (和合本/意譯)

「他按照自己的旨意，藉着真理的話創造了我們，使我們在他所造的萬物中居首位。」
雅各書 1:18 (現代中文譯本)

「我是創造你的上主，從你出生，我就幫助你。」
以賽亞書 44:2 (現代中文譯本)

4. 上帝想要一個祂可以愛到永遠的家庭

「因為上帝預先認識屬他的人，並揀選他們，使他們變得與他兒子的模樣相似，好使他的兒子在眾多弟兄姊妹中作長子。」
羅馬書 8:29 (新普及譯本)

5. 上帝的家庭就是教會

「這個家就是永生上帝的教會。」
提摩太前書 3:15 下 (現代中文譯本)

「當我想到上帝計劃的智慧和範圍，我跪下向偉大家庭的天父上帝祈禱；有些人已經在天上，有些人仍在世上。」
以弗所書 3:14-15 (意譯)

6. 教會是宇宙唯一永存的東西

「這世界和其上的都要過去，惟獨遵行神旨意的，是永遠常存。」
約翰一書 2:17 (和合本)

「上帝有極大的憐憫，他重生了我們，並成為他家裏的人。我們懷着極大的盼望而活，因基督從死人中復活。」
彼得前書 1:3 (新普及譯本/意譯)

「神為愛他的人所預備的，是眼睛未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，人心也未曾想到的。」
哥林多前書 2:9 (和合本)

7. 耶穌的死，使這個計劃成為可能

「他 (耶穌) 替我們死，叫我們...與他同活。」
帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:10 (和合本)

「在基督裏，我們發現自己的身份，和為何而活... 他在世事和世人中作工，是整體目的之一部份。」
以弗所書 1:11-12 (意譯)

「要照所安排的，在日期滿足的時候，(神) 使天上地上一切所有的，都在基督裏面同歸於一。」
以弗所書 1:10 (和合本)

8. 耶穌等待再來有兩個原因

- 祂想讓更多人加入祂的家庭

「主並沒有延遲履行祂 (再來) 的應許... 他是寬容你們，不願有任何人滅亡，卻願人人都悔改。」
彼得後書 3:9 (新漢語譯本)

- 祂想讓我們實踐五個目的

上帝對你在世有五個人生目的

1. 上帝為祂的喜悅而設計我

「因為你 (上帝) 創造了萬物，萬物都按你的喜悅被創造而存在。」
啓示錄 4:11 (意譯)

「因為耶和華喜悅自己的子民。」
詩篇 149:4 (新譯本)

「你要盡心、盡性、盡意愛上主你的上帝。這是第一條，也是最重要的誡命。」
馬太福音 22:37-38 (新普及譯本)

在世的第一個目的：學會認識和愛上帝

「我要的是你們的愛，而不是獻祭；我要你們認識我，勝過要你們所獻的燔祭。」
何西阿書 6:6 (新普及譯本)

聖經稱為

「有些人已經錯過了生命中最重要的事情：他們不認識上帝。」
提摩太前書 6:21 (意譯)

「不認識上帝的人，常存憂慮。」
馬太福音 6:32 (意譯)

2. 上帝為祂的家庭創造我

「上帝預先定下計劃，要藉着耶穌基督把我們帶到他那裏，收養我們，讓我們成為他家中的一員。」
以弗所書 1:5 (新普及譯本)

「上帝賜給我們重生的特權，我們已是上帝家裏的人。」
彼得前書 1:3 (意譯)

「這個家就是永生上帝的教會，是真理的柱石和基礎。」
提摩太前書 3:15 下 (現代中文譯本)

「愛你的屬靈家庭。」
彼得前書 2:17 (意譯)

58 個「彼此」

在世的第二個目的：學會愛上帝的家庭

聖經稱為

「我們彼此相屬，互相需要。」
羅馬書 12:5 下 (意譯)

3. 上帝創造我是為了變得像基督

「從一開始，上帝就決定，那些來到祂身邊的人，他一直都知道誰應該，變得像他的兒子。」
羅馬書 8:29 (意譯)

「我們看着聖子，就看見上帝在一切被造之物中的目的。」
歌羅西書 1:15 (意譯)

「你們應當有基督耶穌的心思和行為。」
腓立比書 2:5 (意譯)

「主的聖靈在我們身上改變我們，使我們越來越像他。」
哥林多後書 3:18 下 (簡明聖經)

在世的第三個目的：學習在靈命上成長

聖經稱為

「但(有些人)扎根不深，一旦要吃苦或遭受迫害，他們立刻就放棄了。」
馬可福音 4:17 (新普及譯本/意譯)

4. 上帝塑造我為要服侍祂

「我的臟腑是你所造的，在我母腹中你塑造了我。」
詩篇 139:13 (新譯本)

屬靈恩賜
心志
才能
性格
經驗

「上帝是我們的創造者。他在基督耶穌裏讓我們行善，這是他早已計劃要我們去做的。」
以弗所書 2:10 (現代中文譯本/意譯)

在世的第四個目的：學習透過服侍他人來服侍上帝

聖經稱為

5. 上帝創造我是為了「使命」

「父給我在世上的使命，照樣，我也給他們在世上的使命。」
約翰福音 17:18 (意譯)

「上帝藉基督與我們和好，又把使人與祂和好的任務交給我們。我們就是基督的特使。」
哥林多後書 5:18, 20 (新普及譯本/意譯)

「我生命的價值只在於完成主耶穌交給我的使命，就是向人傳揚上帝奇妙恩典的福音。」
使徒行傳 20:24 (新普及譯本)

「他(耶穌)又對他們說：『你們往普天下去，傳福音給萬民聽。』」
馬可福音 16:15 (和合本)

在世的第五個目的：學習把別人帶到耶穌面前

聖經稱為

教會家庭會幫助我

- 以上帝成為我生命的中心 (敬拜)
- 將生命與祂永恆的家庭聯繫起來 (團契)
- 培養我的生命，使我的靈命成長 (門徒訓練)
- 用生命做出一些貢獻 (事工)
- 傳達我的生命訊息 (使命)

1. 敬拜 2. 團契 3. 門徒訓練 4. 事工 5. 傳福音