

Apostle 2 “The Eternal Perspective”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says God has put eternity into the heart of man!

One of the _____ of the apostle, is that they have been _____, to _____ to declare _____, _____, for the _____, so she is being built in accordance to it.

Ephesians 5:22-32

Marriage Like Christ and the Church

²² Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of His body. ³¹ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. ³² This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. ³³ “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

2 Corinthians 11:1-4

Paul Defends His Apostleship

¹ I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are bearing with me. ² For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. ³ But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

Revelation 19:7-9

Marriage of the Lamb

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”⁸ It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

In other words the apostle is to _____ the _____ for the church and work to ensure God’s _____ for _____ the church is in place, the _____ ministry gifts.

The _____, God’s _____, _____ and _____, have been _____ for an _____ purpose, a _____ purpose.

Isaiah 46:9-10

“Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, **Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;**

If God declares the _____ from the _____, then we need to know the _____ from the _____!

God starts _____ with the _____ in mind. Before the _____ of the world, God had already _____ and _____ in _____ the _____. The foundation of the world started with its _____ and _____ in God’s conclusion. Everything God has written is in _____ with the _____.

God is the _____ and _____ of our faith, so like any author, _____ starts with the _____ in mind, and then He (God) _____ us with this _____ in mind.

It says “for the joy set before Him Jesus endured the cross”

Q. Were Jesus and the Holy Spirit with God, before the foundation of the world, when He set this END position in place?

So they also know the End from the Beginning, so when Jesus said come follow me He had the End in mind. The Holy Spirit’s role is to lead us into ALL truth so He also has the End in mind.

Q. Where did Jesus do His first miracle?

Matthew 26:29

But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

_____ and the _____ were _____ by God, to lead God’s people into the _____ of God.

Q. What is God's story really about?

Q. Where does God's story finish up?

Q. What is God's END (conclusion) because He is perfecting the church into it?

The _____ needs to come to know God's _____ (the end) so our _____ (what we are building upon) is an _____, so _____ His church, apostles and prophets to declare this END picture.

If we don't know the _____ then how do we _____ accurately? There's a great _____ we will have a _____ start or even _____ running, because we think we have _____ already.

2 Timothy 2:5

Also if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.

The word apostle is the Greek word "apostolos" which means sent one.

They are Sent to _____ to declare the _____ of God's plan of _____ for mankind.

Moses was _____ to the Israelites before being sent to pharaoh

Jesus was _____ to the lost tribes of Israel

Peter was _____ to the Israelites first

Paul was _____ to the Israelites and the Gentiles to declare the mystery of God

MY PROPHETIC WORD - Ezekiel 3:4-11

Ephesians 3:1-21

Paul's Stewardship

¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.¹³ Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

1. Paul was given the stewardship of God's grace for the church.
2. Paul was given this grace to bring to light the mystery that was hidden.
3. Paul received the knowledge of this mystery by the revelation of the Spirit.
4. The purpose of Paul's life and preaching was to bring this revelation to the church.

The _____ of Jesus Christ _____, is the main message Paul was given to share with the Gentiles, kings and Israel - **Acts 9:15-16.**

Galatians 4:19

My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—

Colossians 1:24-29

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. ²⁵ Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, ²⁶ that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, ²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. ²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Q. What have these passages and the statement above got to do with God's END purpose?

It's the _____ message!

God is looking for a _____ for His Son, not an _____ one.

Philippians 3:1-21

The Goal of Life

¹ Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; ³ for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His

resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;¹¹ in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; ¹⁶ however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹ who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.