

The Father's Gift To The Son

The Ultimate Purpose For Everything

Part 1

Speaker's Notes

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Part 1: The Foreshadowing

Ever Wondered What God's Ultimate Purpose Is?

The Bible is full of purpose statements, like the ones in John 3.16.

The Genesis Clues

1. The seven assessments of goodness (Gen 1.4,10,12,18,21,25,31): A **purposeful** creation.
2. "Let there be ... Let us make"; the Father's conversation with the Son (Joh 1.1-3; Gen 1.26-27): a **relationship-oriented** creation (reflecting the character of the Creator).
3. "To give light on the earth": an **earth-oriented** creation.
4. "Let us make man in Our image ..." (Gen 1.26): a **mankind-oriented** creation.
5. "Let them rule" (Gen 1.26): a **shepherded**, stewarded creation.
6. The first assessment of "not good" (Gen 2.18): **A Partnership Plan**. A helper for what? To be fruitful and to rule.
7. The unique building of Eve: The **intimacy priority**, i.e., the possibility of being fully known by a true peer.

The NT Declaration: A Christ-Centered Purpose

Col 1.15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

The Revelation Confirmation

- “The marriage of the Lamb has come ... His bride has made herself ready” (Rev 19.7)
- Bride clothed in “righteous acts” (Rev 19.8)
- “City ... adorned for her husband” (Rev 21.2)

Conclusion

- The Father’s ultimate purpose has ever been **to provide a suitable bride for His Son.**
- The Trinity created all things, not out of a personal need for glory, but out of the overflow of the Father’s love for the Son.

Invitation

The Spirit and the Bride say, “**Come.**” (Rev 22.17)

- Come to the free gift of salvation in Jesus Christ; if you’re thirsty, receive the water of life without cost.
- Come to the life lived righteously. (The Bride will be clothed in “the righteous acts of the saints.”)
- Come to the corporate life of the Bride.
- Come to your calling to rule (Gen 1.26): become a leader in your sphere of influence.