

OASIS: Sept. 11 -18, 2025: The Goal Part 4



"we have received an inheritance from God, ... He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago" Ephesians 1:11, 13 (NLT).

We move further in the analyses of what God intended in Christ, which is summarised as, **"should be to the Praise of His Glory."** One of the things that sustains a person, or should I say, that should sustain a person, is the end game, the GOAL. When it is determined that the goal is worthy of waiting and endurance, then a person is able to hold on, while the vicissitudes of life are raging. No matter how beautiful a Soccer Team plays, if there is no goal, it has not done well. This is the main stay of Christianity, which makes it different and not to be classified as a religion, like others. The fact that mere mortal and sin - plagued human beings can have a hope of living eternally with their Creator, the Almighty God, based on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ, is assured Only by Christianity.¹ This is the Ultimate Goal of Christianity, which assures human beings that they are not creatures of chance, evolution, the big bang theory, or any of the other contraptions that have taken the fancy of those I consider as gullible human beings. There is a definite goal for the true Christian; the term "True Christian" is used intentionally, because just as there are multifarious numbers of religions claiming to have and know the way or God, so are there many who call themselves Christians, but they are anything but Christian. Jesus clearly stated that it is not all the people, including miracle workers, who call themselves Christians, are Christians. In fact, He called them **workers of iniquity**, while not disputing their claim to prophesying or performing miracles.² Apostle Paul describes them **as those because of whom the Name of the Lord is maligned.**³

It should not be difficult to see the confirmation and manifestations of these words of Jesus Christ and Apostle Paul in the Church today. God asked the leading Jews of the days of Jeremiah, **"Do you really think you can steal, murder, commit adultery, lie, and burn incense to Baal and all those other new gods of yours, and then come here and stand before Me in My Temple and chant, "We are safe!" – only to go right back to all those evils again?"**⁴ Burning of incense must be put in context. While some people may not physically worship what may be regarded as classical idols, is it not true that many today worship wealth, people, self, pleasure, accomplishments, and other fanciful things? Are these sinful practices not common-place in Churches among the leaders and the led today? And didn't Apostle Paul remind us, **"Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes – these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey Him. Don't participate in the things these people do."**⁵ If the Goal of Christianity is to be in the Kingdom of Christ and God, and sinful practices will deny people from entering the Kingdom, **are Christians who are practicing sins not committing suicide?** There is something called **"Goal Congruency"** in Management, which means that the goals of individuals within an organization aligns with the goal of the organization. **The Goal of the Kingdom of God, the Organization, is to give an inheritance to those who believe in God.** But the pursuit and enjoyment of sinful activities runs contrary to this Goal, so there is **No Congruency** between the goals of many people who profess to belong to God, and the Goal of the Kingdom of God. This is the sad, painful, and disturbing reality of Christianity today!⁶

Just as God told the people of Prophet Jeremiah's day, and as Apostle Paul warned, **"no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God."** status in society notwithstanding. Jesus warned that **the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the Word of God out of the life of those who once believed, and they become unfruitful. But the unfruitful branch is cut down from the Vine, gathered, and burnt up in fire.**⁷ We cannot serve the Almighty God and mammon (money), professing Christians be **WARNED**⁸ (to be Continued).

Have a Blessed, God-Centred, and Victorious Week.

Further & Daily Readings: Eph. 1:9-14; 1). Jn. 1:12; 17:3; 1Cor.2:12; 2). Matt.7:21-23; 25:41; 3). Rom.2:23-24; 4). Jer.7:9-10; 5). Eph.5:3-7, 10; 6). Matt.24:24, 2Tim.2:16-18; 7). Matt.13:22; Jn.15:6; 8). Matt.6:24; 2Pet.2:18-22.

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