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"And this is the Plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ-And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, ... and when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, ... The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised, and He has purchased us to be His own people " Ephesians 1:10, 13-14 (NLT).

We conclude the first instalment of these analyses of what God intended in Christ, which is summarised as, ***"should be to the Praise of His Glory."*** As I do so, I want to ask a few questions, including, When was the last time you considered the Ultimate Purpose of God? What were some of the thoughts that hit you strongly? How certain are you about meeting this Purpose? It would be appreciated if you share your discussions and answers with me through the WhatsApp or email address of HelpMasters Consulting.

The expectation is that you are a Christian and you are able to provide objective and verifiable answers to these questions. But perhaps even as a Christian you are not able, it is not the end of the road yet if you are willing and humble to accept my suggestions based on the word of God. We all set goals, but the major or perhaps the only goal that we should have is the Goal that God set for us, which we have been considering in the past four weeks. This Goal is: ***"And this is the Plan: At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ- everything in heaven and on earth."***¹ This is the Ultimate Goal of Christianity, which as noted last week, assures human beings that they are not creatures of chance, evolution, the big bang theory, or any of the other contraptions, but purposeful and intentionally Created beings.² This is notwithstanding all arguments and claims to the contrary that have taken the fancy of human beings, especially those I consider as gullible human beings.³ The critical question, which you must answer is, Do you have the assurance that you are a recipient of the benefit of this Goal – the fact and reality of living eternally with their Creator, the Almighty God, based on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ, as assured Only by Christianity.⁴

Usually, goals are often associated with football (Soccer). In this sport, no matter how great a team plays, without goals, they cannot win. But while in a championship, there is often a second-place, consolation trophy, not so with the goal in the Kingdom of God. It is a zero-sum equation – you either win and have the trophy, or you lose and no consolation prize. In fact when you lose in the mathematics of the Kingdom of heaven, not only do you not have any consolation prize, you also actually earn punishment. And this punishment is so severe that it should not be wished for an enemy. Hear the Word of God on this matter, ***"And I saw a great white throne and the One sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from His presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."***⁵ Let us take note of some things in this passage. Firstly, there is a throne with a judge from whom the earth tried to flee, but the earth, referring to the earth's inhabitants, had no place to run to. Secondly, there are books in which the records of the deeds of people are recorded. These records form the basis of how the earth is judged, making the judgment to be objective and evidence - based. In the third place there is another Book, singular, called the Book of Life. The sentence of people is based on the record in this book. In the fourth place there is the **Lake Of Fire**, also called **The Second Death**. In the fifth place, everywhere in which people were buried gave up the dead in them. And in the sixth place, **death and grave are thrown into the lake of fire**.

Some implications are worthy of note here: Both death and grave were first thrown into the lake of fire.⁶ So, for people who think that death and grave end it all, and therefore do horrible things or neglect God, they **MUST** know that they are living a LIE. Death and Grave are **NOT** the end of the story, and the Grave is **NOT** the final place of abode for human beings. These facts implies the fact of accountability that goes beyond physical death, and this does not depend on whether we believe or do not believe the Bible and the Word of God it contains. When people, great and small will be called to give account there will be no hiding place. The process of judgment is based on the records of many books, showing God to be detailed in order to be a just Judge. As the Scriptures say,

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there is NOTHING that can be hidden from the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and of human beings. His design is also such that human sins reveal them wherever they hide or find themselves.⁷ The sentence and the verdict is also simple – based on the record in **the single Book called the Book of Life**. It is whether one's name is in that Book or not in it. This is the Zero-Sum mentioned earlier. And so, those whose names are not in **the Book of Life are thrown into the lake of fire**. It is important to note here that satan who deceived people, and made it difficult for people to believe in God, the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel, were the first to be judged.⁸ In fact his false prophet and the beast, also preceded satan in being cast into the fiery lake of fire. Satan was to join them there.⁹ **This lake of fire is the place where ALL whose names are not in the Book of life will be sentenced.**¹⁰ **Jesus spoke of this lake of fire as the place “where the maggots never die and the fire never goes out.”**¹¹

What inference or conclusion should one make of this series in which I have focused more on the activities and inactivity of leaders in leading the Church astray? **It is this: if one is really called to be a leader of a church, you MUST pursue the Goal set by the One who called you. To do any other thing, no matter how lofty, is REBELLION and DISOBEDIENCE, and like Lucifer, Eve, Adam, King Saul, and the Israelites, you will be PUNISHED.**¹² And because you are guilty, you will find yourself in the same place as satan, the first to be guilty before God,¹³ his false prophet and the beast – the fiery lake of fire which burns with sulphur and brimstone.¹⁴ The fire in this place never goes out, neither do the maggots die. What is more, the term of sentence is eternal/eternity, or unending. But what is true of Church leaders is also true for the led. Before the judgment throne, leaders were not separated from the led.¹⁵ So, the led must take note; though leaders will have additional or more severely punished.¹⁶ Once one's name is not in the Book of Life, all the miracles and wonderful things done, do not count. Jesus addressed this point, where He described them as **workers of iniquity**.¹⁷ Due to the severity of this judgment which all human beings, who have rejected and are still rejecting Jesus Christ will face, Apostle Paul had a lot to say. He said that he and his co-workers plead with people to be reconciled to God.¹⁸ He then used sports for an illustration, charging people to participate in a way to win.¹⁹ Finally, he provided a word of encouragement stating that the “Crown of Righteousness” which he trust the Judge – Jesus Christ to give to him, is available to all others with expectations just like him based on his successful service.²⁰ Apostle Peter and many others wrote in the same vein warning people of the need to take seriously the claims of the Bible.²¹ Even the Old testament prophets, starting from Moses, did the same thing, warning all, of the dangers of disobedience to God.²² In light of this abundance of warning, the work of redemption by Jesus Christ, the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the Written Word of God, it is SUICIDE for anyone to reject the warnings about Hell, the Lake of Fire, and Heaven. The Creator of the universe and its content which includes human beings has a pre-determined Purpose and Goal.

A version of what I wrote about the poverty and failure of Christianity and the Church in 1980/81, was shared with me recently by a most respected Elder and Uncle, and all I could do was to shake my head in disappointment as well as encouragement. What I wrote then was not youthful exuberance, neither the ranting of an ignorant person. Christianity and the Church has failed and continues to fail, and she will be held accountable at the appropriate time – at the judgment throne of Jesus Christ. The Church will be judged for not pursuing the Will of God, **“And He has made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to bring all things in heaven and on earth together in Christ. ... you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession, to the praise of His glory.”** So, I join the Prophets, the Apostles, and numerous others who had worked and died for revival and commitment to God to plead with you to **REPENT NOW; SSTOP YOUR EVIL DOINGS, AND MAKE PEACE WITH GOD. You did not make yourself and CANNOT continue to live for yourself!!!**

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

Further & Daily Readings: Eph. 1:9-14; 1). Eph. 1:10; 2). Gen.1:26-27; 3). Col.2:16-19; 4). Jn.1:12; Rev.21:3-7; 5). Rev.20:11-15; 6). Rev.20:14; 7). Heb.4:13; Prov.15:3; Matt.7:16; 8-10). Rev.12:9; 20:10; 14-15; 11). Mk.9:48; 12. Gen.3:14-19, 23-24; Isa.14:12-21; 1Sam.15:16-224; Isa.1:8,13-14; Rev.20:10, 14-15

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