

God's Eternal Purpose

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:¹ Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,² Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself:³ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:⁴ In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will:⁵ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.⁶ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.⁷

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.⁸ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;⁹ And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.¹⁰

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.¹¹

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.¹²

According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:¹³ Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:¹⁴ Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,¹⁵

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.¹⁶ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.¹⁷ And

be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.¹⁸

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.¹⁹ For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:²⁰ And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us:²¹

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for He that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That He no longer should live the rest of His time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.²²

Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.²³ For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.²⁴ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.²⁵ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.²⁶

Of His own will begat He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.²⁷ That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.²⁸

For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.²⁹ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:³⁰

Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.³¹

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.³² He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.³³

¹Ephesians 1:1; ²Ephesians 1:5; ³Ephesians 1:9; ⁴Colossians 1:26, 27; ⁵Ephesians 1:11; ⁶Ephesians 5:17; ⁷1 Timothy 2:4; ⁸Matthew 18:14; ⁹Colossians 1:9; ¹⁰John 6:40; ¹¹John 5:30; ¹²John 6:37-40; ¹³Ephesians 3:11; ¹⁴Galatians 1:4; ¹⁵2 Timothy 1:9; ¹⁶1 Thessalonians 5:18; ¹⁷Philippians 2:13; ¹⁸Romans 12:2; ¹⁹Colossians 4:12; ²⁰1 Thessalonians 4:3; ²¹John 5:14; ²²1 Peter 4:1, 2; ²³Hebrews 13:21; ²⁴Hebrews 10:36, 37; ²⁵1 John 2:17; ²⁶Ephesians 2:10; ²⁷James 1:18; ²⁸Ephesians 5:27; ²⁹1 Corinthians 3:9; ³⁰Ephesians 3:10, 11; ³¹1 Peter 1:10-12; ³²Colossians 1:20; ³³Revelation 22:20

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²Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Hebrews 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness.

²Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

²Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. ³⁶) For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Ephesians 1:4 According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the

knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

1Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: 22) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:

Psalms 32:2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12) Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13) Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14) For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

2Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

Jude 24 Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3) For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4) Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.

Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins..

Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26) A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27) And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my

statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28) And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17) And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

1John 3:5 And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.

2Corinthians 5:21 For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3) For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4) When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Romans 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end (goal) everlasting life.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8) Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9) Receiving the end (goal) of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

1Thessalonians 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1Thessalonians 3:13 To the end He may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15) For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience (endurance, constancy) of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Matthew 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.