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Young People's Bible Study

The Good Pleasure of His Will

Ephesians 1:4-10

If we watch the news or look at the newspapers of this world, we see that, according to man, things are 'out of control'! Who knows where it will end or what will happen? Our purpose in looking at these verses in the first reading is to see that just the opposite is true. To see His purposes coming to pass in the midst of the confusion of this world is what gives stability and direction to the believer.

Ephesians 1

1. vs **4** Did I choose Christ or did He choose me?
2. vs **5** When did this choice take place?
3. vs **6** These verses teach us that God had a will and purposes in eternity past that we are seeing fulfilled and accomplished today.
4. Who is doing the work in these verses?
5. vs **7** Does this verse deny or confirm the fall of man and his ruined condition?
6. vs **10** Discuss this wonderful state as described in this verse and who is going to bring this to pass.

"God that made the world and all things therein" Acts 17:24

Many of us are good planners but not so good at pursuing our plans. The perfection of the godhead is seen as we look at the plans and purposes of eternity past coming to life before our very eyes. As we begin in Genesis 1, we find no place for those who were chosen before the foundation of the world to dwell – in fact, the man himself was not yet created! We want to dwell on several areas of Genesis and see the foundation laid for the blessing of man in particular but also for all creation. It is extremely important to see the origin of man from the divine view. The evolutionist would love to do away with the account of creation as given in Genesis for many reasons.

Discuss

1. **Genesis 1:31** After the earth is re-constructed for man, what is declaration that God made. Discuss

2. **Genesis 2:16** The God who created man has authority and the right to command the man that He made. In short, GOD has rights.
3. **Genesis 3** Discuss the conditions under which the first man was tested.
4. **Genesis 3:9** The man who was put in the place of privilege was the same man whom God held accountable for his actions.
5. **Genesis 3:21** “The Lord God made coats of skins and clothed them.” Discuss the need for redemption and the shedding of blood.

“HERE AM I, SEND ME” Isaiah 6:8

We move now to the wonder of the incarnation – “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14. He who was eternally the Son would become a man and in lowliness and humiliation would tread the path to Calvary.

Let’s ponder the verses in **Luke 2** as to His birth.

1. vs **7** Why was He laid in a manger – Discuss
2. vs **10** Discuss the declaration made by the angel in this verse and in Verse 11.
3. vs **13-14** What a scene this must have been! Who were the angelic beings seeing for the first time?

Let’s look at the temptation in **Luke 4**

1. What is one of the first things we notice as to the circumstances under which He was tested as compared to those of Adam in the garden? Discuss
2. Discuss the three temptations. Each temptation was met with what?
3. What is so insidious about the third temptation?
4. What do these verses display about His manhood that is so unique?
5. Verse 13 says “The devil departed from Him for a season.” Discuss

Let’s discuss **Philippians 2:6-9**.

1. vs **6** “Thought it not robbery to be equal with God”
2. vs **7** “Made himself of no reputation”
3. vs **7** “Took upon Him the form of a servant”
4. vs **7** “Was made in the likeness of men”

5. vs 8 “He humbled himself”
6. vs 8 “Became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”

“FOR YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE”

1 Corin 6:20

We turn now to the Gospel of Matthew as we trace the path of our Lord Jesus Christ from the manger to the cross. It is important to see that the Word of God divides the time of His suffering into two distinct periods of time as seen in **Matthew 27**.

1. Each period of time is how long?
2. Verses 35 thru 44 depict to us what kind of sufferings?
Discuss
3. These verses show to us that this world is declared “_____ before ____!”
4. What is unique about the second period of suffering?
5. Discuss the cry of our Lord Jesus in verse 48.
6. Discuss the cry of our Lord Jesus in verse 50.

“Christ died - He was buried - and He rose again” 1 Corin 15:4

We now come to that which is unique – we serve a RISEN SAVIOUR!! This is the foundation and the touchstone of Christianity!! The message of the angelic beings was simple. “Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen.” The religions of this world all have one thing in common – a grave with the remains of their saviour! Christianity alone boasts an empty tomb!! There are many places in scripture we could look at but we will concentrate on **1 Corinthians 15**.

1. vs 6-8 Tell of actual witnesses many of whom were still alive - Go ask them!
2. vs 13-19 List the consequences to the believer if the resurrection is taken away from us!
3. We remember the consequences of the fall in Genesis – compare those with verse 22. Discuss
4. vs 35 - 58
 - a. Those who question are called _____! vs 36
 - b. Do we sow the body or the grain? vs 37

5. Discuss “the first man Adam” and “the last Adam.” vs **45**
6. Discuss “the first man” and “the second man.” vs **47**
7. Discuss the surety of verse **49!!!**

“THE PURCHASED POSSESSION” Eph. 1:14

The price was now paid and now the disciples waited for the “Promise of my Father upon you” (Luke 24:49). That which was needed to bear testimony was “Power from on high” but not for testimony only but to form the “Church of the Living God”. **Acts**

Chapter 1

1. vs **4** What is optional or left up to the thoughts of man?
2. vs **13** Discuss the “Upper Room”
3. vs **14** Discuss their resources in verse 14.

Chapter 2

1. vs **1** What are they continuing to do?
2. vs **2** Where does the sound come from?
3. vs **3** What actually happened here?
4. vs **1-4** Is this an account of a historical event or may we look for this to happen again – perhaps many times? Discuss

“THEY THAT ARE CHRIST’S AT HIS COMING” 1 Corin 15:23

We come now to that which is a mystery to those of this world who are seeking to make this a better place to live. Let’s look at **1 Corin 15:51-58**.

1. vs **51** Discuss the two (2) uses of the word “all”.
2. vs **52** Discuss the events of verse 52 & 53.
3. vs **58** Discuss the very practical results of you and I being in the good of this doctrine.
4. vs **58** How do we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord?