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The Gospel According to...Your Purpose

Not one person or one denomination has the Bible completely figured out...not one. We only see in part, we only see **our part according to our purpose**. We don't see the entire picture, only God does. The gifts of the Holy Spirit work "in part" and we should focus on our part, our purpose, not everyone else's.

1 Cor 13:9,10, and 12 *9 For we **know in part** and we **prophesy in part**. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is **in part** will be done away...12 For now we **see in a mirror, dimly**, but then face to face. **Now I know in part**, but then I shall know just as I also am known. We know in part, we see in part, and we are to focus on our part. As a church or denomination, we get in trouble when we think we know everyone's part better than they do. We cannot tell another denomination what their purpose is, only the Holy Spirit can. Do we build up or accuse and tear down?*

1 Cor 12:14-31 We are the Body of Christ, but we have different purposes; the feet, hands, arms, eyes, ears, nose, and so on. We function in the Body of Christ according to our purpose. **Our purpose causes us to see things different** from what other Christians see. God puts a vision and purpose on a man or woman's life, and then rallies people around them to help support and carry out that vision. Robert Morris; tithing, giving / Joel Osteen; encouragement / Gloria Copeland; healing / Jimmy Evans; marriage / Willie George; children's ministry / Jonathan Cahn; Jewish customs, prophecy / Joyce Meyer; battlefield of the mind-heart / Perry Stone; culture, prophecy / Reinhard Bonnke; missions especially Africa /

The Scriptures are alive and powerful. **They call us according to our purpose**. If your purpose is prophetic, the prophetic Scriptures will call you and come alive in you. If your purpose is to restore relationships, the Scriptures on reconciliation will come alive in you. We see Scripture through our purpose! **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God (**2 Tim 3:16**) and is profitable for **every area of our lives**, but some Scriptures will come alive with a greater revelation because of our purpose. God gives us purpose and then equips us for that purpose. **Rom 8:28-29** *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Eph 1:4-5 *just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself,*

Eph 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which **God prepared beforehand** that we should walk in them. God created us to do many good works.*

Jer 1:5 *"Before I formed you in the womb **I knew you**; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."*

We are not accidental Christians; we are a people with a purpose. You were **not** born on accident or as a mistake. God created you with a purpose, gave you a name, gifts, talents, a calling, and in His perfect timing brought you into this world. We are all born with a purpose, but we have to choose in our heart to live on purpose. **2 Cor 9:7** *So let each one give as he **purposes in his heart**, not grudgingly or of necessity (being forced); for God loves a cheerful giver.*

The Body of Christ functions through the local church. Each local church is a unique part in the Body of Christ.

1 Cor 12:18 *But now **God has set the members**, each one of them, in the body just as **He pleased**. 19 And if they were all **one member** (the same), where would the body be? 20 But now indeed there are **many members, yet one body**... 25 that there should be **no schism** (division) in the body, but that the **members** should have the same care for one another. 26 And if one **member** suffers, all the **members** suffer with it; or if one **member** is honored, all the **members** rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and **members** individually. All authority flows through God's delegated authority, through His local church. **We are to be members of a local church**, walking in love, in unity, with a humble-submitted heart. This is when the glory of God flows; when Christians make a commitment to a local church family becoming One in Christ. **Eph 4:1-4** *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Eph 4:15-16** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — 16 from whom the whole body, **joined and knit together by what every joint supplies**, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.**

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