1John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. [NLT- we live like Jesus here in this world; BSB- for in this world we are just like Him].

I would like to submit to us, what Jesus lives, we live; what Jesus does, we do,

## as Jesus Is, so are we in this world...

vision is... we are the Heart of God in our world, Sound The Alarm, Arise and Shine Church: For our Budy of (bot (book light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon us, the Heart of God is to SAVE THE WORLD!



### The Mission Manuscripts:



<u>John 12:</u>46 I have come as a <u>light into the world</u>, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to <u>SAVE THE WORLD</u>.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to SAVE THE WORLD through Him. 18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. 19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. 21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."

The Mission Messages are to Activate Agent Ambassadors; every Word is faith & fitly spoken to equip, empower, and inspire us to SAVE THE WORLD.

# SAVE THE WORLD#6

This Theme continues as:

## A Prophetic Church of ppl with Purpose

## Today's Text & Title:

Philippians 2: 13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act on behalf of His good purpose. 14 Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine as lights in the world.

A Lightning bug Treasure Hunt



## Let us Reflect, Remember, & Recognize...

We reflect that God The Father sent HIS Son Jesus here not to judge the world, but to SAVE THE WORLD. We remember that as Jesus Is, so are we in this world, and as we have received salvation, so we freely give. We recognize with seriousness the Existential Crisis, the Existential Cries of lives, & the Existential Christ-us or that is to say Christ in a Crisis... And that Jesus Christ IS defined in the Greek by scripture as being "One of a Kind!" Likewise, we recognize "when" we are to SAVE THE WORLD through HIM is NOW! And thirteen ways HOW...

So now we want to show "who" is suppose to SAVE THE WORLD, and "why" are you here on earth, or "why" are you still here on earth, and "what" are you suppose to be doing, and "how" are you suppose to know that you are doing it.

As ISU advertises you "Choose your Adventure," there are still so many needs to know how to choose rightly.

<u>A lightning bug treasure hunt</u> is our bcc innovative adventure to inspire "who" are the ppl with Purpose and "how" will you know what to do.

We have come to know there are young adults who are hungry to know their purpose and middle age & growing in maturity that are seeking what to do in their new stage. To top off now with recent storms, and discouragement is the norm; the hopes of a

<u>The Hows</u> -remember it is Not about a list, but The LORD, HIS LOVE, and led in any of these...

- 1. Repentance Joel 2: 12-14
- 2. Restoration Joel 2: 25-27
- 3. Spirit-Filling Joel 2: 28-29
- 4. SAVED- Joel 2:32
- 5. Love Romans 13:8-10
- 6. Believing Romans 13:11
- 7. Light Romans 13:12
- 8. Right Living Romans 13:12
- 9. Serve one another Galatians 5:13
- 10. Ministry of Reconciliation 2 Corin.5:18
- 11. No longer counting people's sins against them 2 Corin.5:19
- 12. Agent Ambassadors for Christ 2 Corin.5: 20
- 13. God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God! 2 Corin.5:20

new decade seems to be decayed; what are we suppose to do with a hoax for some and horror of reality pandemic for others, the systemic oppressed are pressed into unrest, U.S. Christians love or liberty are torn over the task of wearing or not wearing a face mask, while the enemy has masked us to fuss and we face the earth without form, and void; and darkness is on the face of the deep... (wait, I read that somewhere in the beginning.), The Answer is what we need is Purpose & Light to rescue our world, make things better, change what you can, be transformed, and SAVE THE WORLD.

## In the beginning...

## the back story that R\*eveals we were created with & given Purpose

Genesis 1: 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [h]moves on the earth."

Genesis 2: 7 Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. 8 Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. 9 The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to [cultivate] tend and keep it. = Purpose

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:15 Many consider this verse the protevangelium, the first announcement of the gospel. This is the first prophecy about the Messiah (Christ), who through His death on the cross and resurrection would ultimately defeat Satan, the power behind the serpent, with a death blow. See Is 9:6; Matt 1:23; Luke 1:31; Rom 16:20; Gal 4:4; Rev 12:17.

## What to do, when what in the world is going on?! Philippians 2:1-15

Philippians 1:27 (FSB): contending side by side— The believers need to band together as they struggle against hardship and persecution Christian unity is one of Paul's major concerns throughout the letter.

Philippians 2:1–11 (FSB): Paul encourages the Philippians to continue practicing love and humility among one another (Phil 2:1–4). This topic leads into the hymn of vv. 5–11, which praises <u>Jesus as the ultimate example of self-emptying</u> love. This hymn might have been composed by Paul, or it could be from an early Christian liturgy.

Philippians 2:1 (FSB): Paul is not questioning whether the Philippians have these things; he is using a rhetorical expression to say that, since the believers do in fact have these things, they should complete his joy by demonstrating unity.

- · consolation in Christ
- comfort of love
- fellowship of the Spirit
- · affection and mercy

This introduces the basis for Paul's exhortation to unity, humility and love among believers. The idea is that if the Philippian Christians have received the things he mentions, then they have a responsibility to do what he is about to describe.

- If there is any consolation in Christ: Paul asked this as a rhetorical question, knowing of course that there was great consolation in Christ. Every Christian should know the consolation of Christ.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.
- If there is any... comfort of love: This is Paul's second rhetorical question in this passage, affirming the great comfort of love. Every Christian should know what it is to have Jesus give him the comfort of love. The word comfort in this passage is the ancient Greek word paraklesis. The idea behind this word for comfort in the New Testament is always more than soothing sympathy. It has the idea of strengthening, of helping, of making strong. The idea behind this word is communicated by the Latin word for comfort (fortis), which also means "brave." The love of God in our life makes us strong and makes us brave. Of course there is comfort of love!
- If there is any... fellowship of the Spirit: This is Paul's third rhetorical question in this context. Paul knew and valued the fellowship of the Spirit, and every Christian should know what it is to have the fellowship of the Spirit.
- i. Fellowship is the ancient Greek word kononia. It means the sharing of things in common. We share life with the Spirit of God that we never knew before. The Holy Spirit fills and guides and moves in our lives in a powerful and precious way. Hallelujah! There is fellowship of the Holy Spirit!
- ii. "The Lord doth usually and graciously water the holy fellowship of his people with the dews of many sweet and glorious refreshings; so that they have a very heaven upon earth." (Trapp)
- If there is any... affection and mercy: Paul's final rhetorical question assumes that every Christian knows something of the affection of God and of the mercy of God.
- Paul mentioned these things in a manner that suggests to us that they should all be obvious parts of the Christian's experience. To make his rhetorical point, he could have just as easily said, "If water is wet, if fire is hot, if rocks are hard," and so forth.
- Each of these gifts consolation in Christ, comfort of love, fellowship of the Spirit, affection and mercy are communicated to us both in a direct, spiritual way from Jesus, and from Jesus through His people. But there isn't any doubt that these are real gifts for Christians to really experience.

#### Philippians 2:3

- Let nothing be done through selfish ambition: This is the first step to this kind of unity. In the flesh, we are often motivated by selfish ambition or conceit. Much of what we do is not done out of love for others, but out of our own desire for "advancement" or "promotion" (selfish ambition).
- Paul found it important to say selfish ambition. Not all ambition is selfish ambition, and there is a good ambition to glorify God and serve Him with everything we have.

#### Philippians 2:6

#### Jesus as the Image of God

One of the meanings of the phrase "image of God" means that people are created as God's image—or, as His imagers (Gen 1:27). The image of God language in the New Testament brings this into focus: Jesus is described as God's imager, and believers are to image Christ.

Two passages refer to Jesus as the image of God: 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Colossians 1:15. These passages speak of the incarnation of Christ—the eternal God becoming a human being. Having been "found in appearance like a man" (Phil 2:7; compare Phil 2:1–11), Jesus—through the incarnation—made it so that God was accessible to our human senses. He accomplished the plan of redemption on the cross, and offers salvation to humanity.

The language, however, suggests more. Paul writes that believers are destined to be conformed to the image of God's son, Jesus Christ (Rom 8:29). This language is a call to act as Jesus would—to live like him. Acting like Jesus points to the functional idea of the image of God; it suggests we think of the image of God as a verbal idea. By "imaging God," we work, serve, and behave the way God would if He were physically present in the world. In Jesus, God was physically present. Thus, we are to imitate—or, image—Christ.

God wants all humans to believe in Christ and be conformed to the image of Jesus. As Jesus imaged God, so must we image Jesus. In so doing, we fulfill the rationale for our creation: we image God (Gen 1:27). This process is a gradual one: "And we all, with unveiled face, reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory into glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor 3:18). In this passage, being filled with the Spirit is linked to imaging Christ—the ultimate fulfillment of our status as God's imagers. One day, our imaging of Christ will transcend our life on earth. As Paul also says: "just as we have borne the image of the one man who is made of earth, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (1 Cor 15:49). Michael S. Heiser

Philippians 2:7 (FSB): Greek verb used here, kenoō, refers to Jesus pouring Himself out. In light of v. 6 and 8, this seems to imply that Jesus laid aside His rights as God in order to become the world's servant.

#### Philippians 2:12

- Work out your own salvation: We know that Paul did not mean "work so as to earn your own salvation." Such a statement would contradict the whole of Paul's gospel. What Paul did mean is to call the Philippians to put forth real effort into their Christian lives. This is not to work their salvation in the sense of accomplishing it, but to work out their salvation to see it evident in every area of their lives, to activate this salvation God freely gave them.
- i. Therefore, "These words, as they stand in the New Testament, contain no exhortation to all men, but are directed to the people of God. They are not intended as an exhortation to the unconverted; they are, as we find them in the epistle, beyond all question addressed to those who are already saved through a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." (Spurgeon)

## How to Discover your Purpose

Philippians 2:13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

- God Who works
- God in you... Both:
- To Will &
- To Do
- For His Good Purpose & Pleasure

#### Philippians 2:14

Do all things without complaining and disputing: There is a good deal of dispute among commentators as to <u>if</u> this complaining and disputing refers to problems among the Philippians (such as mentioned in Philippians 2:1-4) or

if this refers to their attitude towards God. Perhaps they resented God because of their present conflict (Philippians 1:27-30).

- i. Because Paul specifically used terms that were used to describe Israel's complaining towards God during the Exodus, it is probably best to see the complaining and disputing as including their attitude towards God. Spurgeon gives three examples of things we must not murmur against:
  - a. The Providence of God
  - b. One another
  - c. The ungodly world

## lightning bugs

Philippians 2:15

- Lighting bugs observation
- a. Light is on light is off
- b. Never designed to be caught and trapped in bondage to anything or anyone (schools, systems of this world, satan)
- c. Mimic others to lure them in to kill them
- A. Two things we do hunt, they do light up and they can be seen in the darkness...
- B. Jesus Christ and His Salvation is better and far more freeing and illuminating!
- Philippians 2:15 (FSB): you shine as stars Alludes to Dan 12:2–3, in which the wise shine like stars. By reflecting God's character through their conduct, believers stand out against the darkness of the world and reveal the transformative power of the gospel

**Daniel 2:2-3** 

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,

Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Those who are wise shall shine

Like the brightness of the firmament,

And those who turn many to righteousness

Like the stars forever and ever.

- @ God Is taking our lightening bug treasure hunt and transforming us to be illuminating stars that shine in the darkness!
- I.E.- young lady Ana and I met, due to today's uncertainty she shined as a star and furthered her purpose...

## You are a Treasure Created by God

- 1) I want Jesus to turn Awaken and make me Alive and keep my light ON, from on & off
- 2) I want to Discover and Enter into my God Created Purpose, and know what to Will and to Do
- 3) I am dealing with suicidal thoughts and being stressed out. Please pray for me to receive The Prince of Peace- Jesus
- 4) I want to be brave, have strength, and shine my light brightly to reach my friends and family with Jesus Christ