

Evangelism

and the

Purpose & Plan of God

The Command to Evangelize

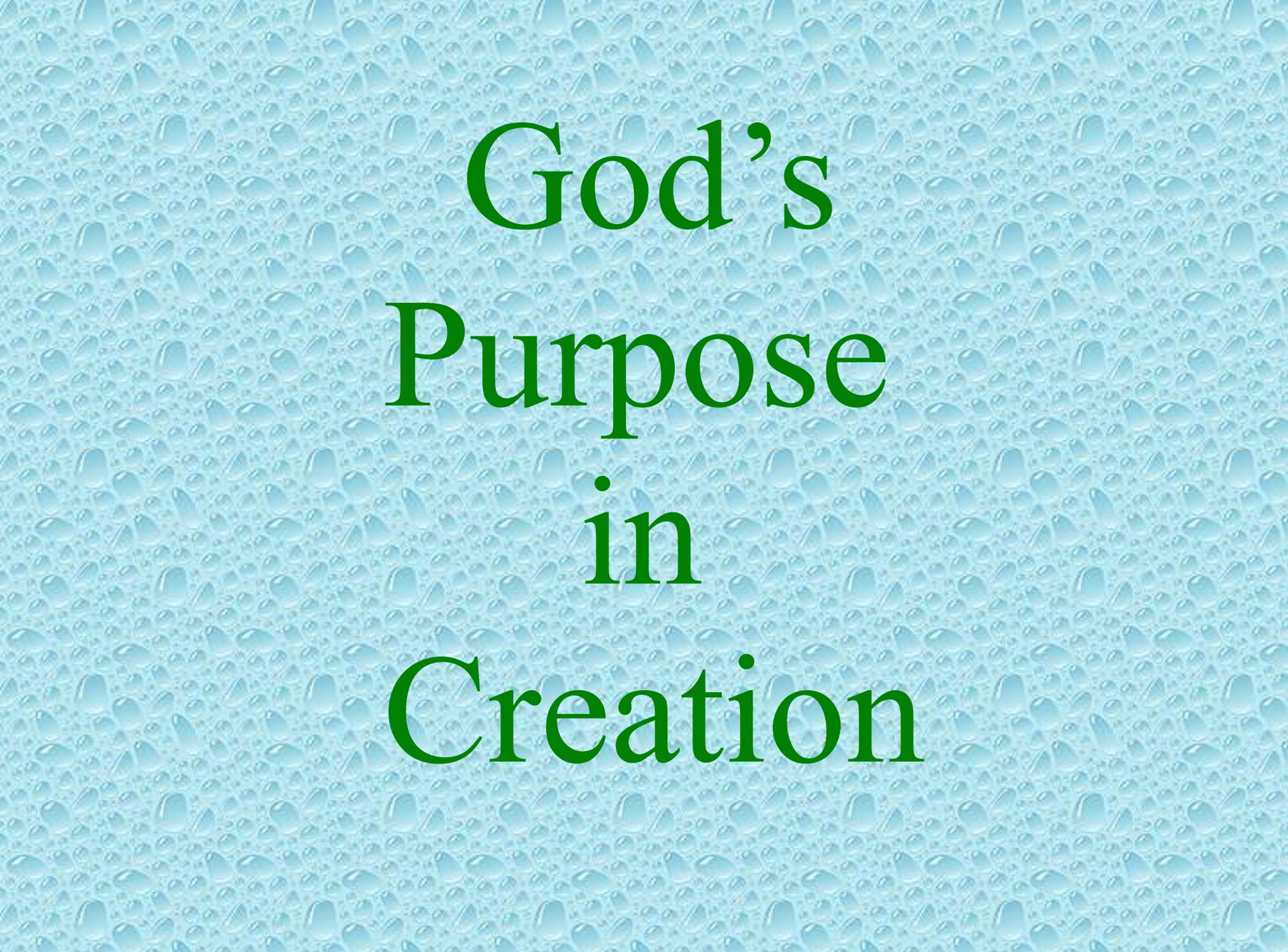
The Meaning of Evangelism

The Purpose of Evangelism

Evangelism and God's Sovereignty

The Work of Evangelism

What is the Purpose
of Evangelism?



God's
Purpose
in
Creation

God Created the Universe
For His Glory
and
For our Glory

For His Glory

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
*Let Your **glory** be above all the earth.* (Psalm 57:11)

Declare His **glory** among the nations,
His wonders among all peoples. (Psalm 96:3)

And one cried to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His **glory!**” (Isaiah 6:3)

For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the **glory** of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)

For our Glory

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:13)

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. (John 15:8)

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

(John 17:10)

OT – Hebrew word “kabod”, meaning heaviness or weight or worthiness. Used of men to describe their wealth, splendor, reputation, or honor. The most important concept is that of the glory of Yahweh. Denotes the revelation of God’s being, nature, and presence to mankind, sometimes with physical phenomena.

(Exodus 24:17)

The glory of Yahweh displayed in supernatural plagues that delivered Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

The glory of Yahweh in the cloud that led the Hebrews out of Egypt and in the wilderness.

(Exodus 16:7,10)

The glory of Yahweh filled the tabernacle.

(Exodus 40:34-35)

Vision of Ezekiel (1:28)

Messianic Prophecies (Isaiah 40:4-5, 60:1-3)

NT – “kabod” generally translated “doxa”. Describes the revelation of the character and presence of God in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. He is the outshining of the divine glory. (Hebrews 1:3)

Was seen by the shepherds (Luke 2:9-14)

Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8)

Crucifixion (John 12:23)

Resurrection and ascension (Luke 24:26, Acts 3:13)

Man made in the image and glory of God for relationship with Him. (1 Corinthians 11:7)

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy

to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹

For

the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing

of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not

willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹

because

the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For

we

know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the

firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves,

The Purpose of Evangelism

is to

proclaim the Gospel so that

people will be saved.

εὐαγγελίζω euaggelizo,

to announce good news
 (“evangelize”)
 especially the gospel

The Gospel is
“the power of God to salvation.”

Romans 1:16

Specifically, God created a world full of sin and suffering in order to save a people and bring them to glory. This is the purpose of evangelism.

Romans 8:19-20; 28-30