

The Unveiling of God's Eternal Purpose

John 1

I. The Gospel of John—a supplement to the synoptic Gospels showing Christ's deity

John 1:1, 2, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh...

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

II. The Gospel of John—a book of life and building

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 10:10 ...I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

John 3:29-30 He who has the bride is the bridegroom... ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

III. John chapter one spans time from eternity past to eternity future

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, and before You gave birth to the earth and the world, indeed from eternity to eternity, You are God.

Ephesians 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Malachi 3:6 For I, Jehovah, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

John 1:1, 51 In the beginning was the Word... ⁵¹ And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Revelation 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

IV. John chapter one uses six signs to show us the way God accomplishes His eternal purpose

John 2:11 This beginning of signs Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed into Him.

A. The Word

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

John 14:9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long a time with you, and you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how is it that you say, Show us the Father?

B. The tabernacle

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Colossians 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Psalms 90:1 O Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

John 14:3, 20 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will receive you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be... ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

C. The Lamb

John 1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 5:12 Therefore just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death; and thus death passed on to all men because all have sinned—

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

D. The dove

John 1:32 And John testified, saying, I beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He abode upon Him.

1 Corinthians 15:45 ...the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

E. The stone

John 1:42 He led him to Jesus. Looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon, the son of John; you shall be called Cephas (which is interpreted, Peter).

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

F. The house of God

John 1:51 And He said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, You shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

Genesis 28:12, 16-17, 19 And he dreamed: There was a ladder set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it...¹⁶ And Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely Jehovah is in this place, and I did not know it. ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven... ¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel