

PURPOSE

Colossians 1:15 20 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the Cross.

The message

The first objective in Christ likeness is to help disciples dearly love and constantly delight in their heavenly father. To help people truly love what is lovely.

Do you believe if you reengage your mind on the loveliness, beauty, and awesomeness of Christ that it will change the quality of your life?

Dallas Willard Divine conspiracy(p320)

Be still and know that I am God. Be still, for in the stillness you will come to know what you cannot learn in your impatient movement. How seldom you are ever quiet within! Even when you are doing nothing, there is still strain and tension, indicating an absence of the stillness. Stilling the murmurs, the dissatisfactions, the jealousies, the hurts, and vain ambitions - these you can do with My proffered help. They will not go away without your active choice against them. Stillness will follow, but you must claim it by rejecting these roots of unrest in your soul. Be still and you will know.

Hal Helms Echoes of Eternity

My purpose in all my dealings with you is one: to bring you to Me. The pain and the joy have the same intent on my part. If you will look at it in this light, my child, you will find it easier to walk through the hard times. I have no pleasure in seeing My children in pain – except the joy of seeing them triumph over it in faith. This is the victory that overcomes: the faith knowledge that you are still being led home – to Me. Be of good cheer.

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One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Psalms 27:4