

**Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**  
**Message One : The Triune God Being Life to the Tripartite Man**  
**for the Fulfillment of God's Eternal Purpose**

**I. Overview :**

The eternal purpose of God is the eternal plan that He made for eternity future, as Himself being the origination. God's purpose is to have the church, through which He can express Himself. God saved and called us according to His own purpose, then He dispensed His divine life into us who are chosen, redeemed tripartite people. The thought of the Triune God being life to the tripartite man runs through the entire Bible; God wants to be our life so that we may express Him. For the fulfillment of His purpose God wants to be the fountain of living waters to satisfy His chosen people for their becoming the fatness of God's house, the river of satisfaction , and the light of life. The Triune God has been processed and consummated in order to dispense Himself into our being as life.

**II. Truth and Enlightenment :**

Day 1 --

A. Why is the church a great subject in the Bible?

First, the church is something of God's eternal plan, His eternal purpose. It is something planned by God in His eternal plan, something purposed by God in eternity and for eternity. According to Eph. [3:10](#), the eternal purpose of God is that He would have a church. In the whole universe only the church is the subject and the content of God's eternal plan.

B. What is the one thing God purposed to do according to His own desire?

That one thing God purposed to do is to gain a group of people who would be His living Body and would express God the Father in God the son as God the Spirit. God's eternal purpose is to have a living, corporate Body composed of human beings through which He can express Himself.

Day 2 --

A. How will God produce a group of people who will be the same as He?

In Rev. 4 the One who is sitting on the throne, having the appearance of a jasper stone, is the same as the jasper wall of the city in chapter 21. At the beginning of the universe God was sitting on the throne, and only He had the appearance of a jasper stone, but at the end of God's work in the universe, a jasper wall is produced. This indicating that God will eventually produce a group of people who are exactly the same as He.

B. How does the Holy Spirit work in us after we are saved? Describe it!

After we are saved, the Holy Spirit works in us that we may be transformed into the image of the Lord. This transformation is of the Lord's Spirit and is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit will continuously work in us until we are completely transformed and even our body is redeemed.

Day 3 --

A. Why do we say that we are saved into the meaning of the universe?

Salvation saves us out of a human life that is without meaning into the meaning of the universe. God created a man who had great meaning and purpose. Regrettably, man fell, and the meaning of his life was lost. This means that man lost his original purpose. With His salvation, God rescues us and brings us back to our original purpose, which is the meaning of the universe.

B. How does God do the thing of that He has called us into this glory?

God's glory will be expressed from our spirit to our soul and through our body. The three parts of our whole being will be the same as Christ is and be fully saturated with God's glory. This is to be glorified, which is the ultimate consummation of God's full salvation. It is also the ultimate goal in eternity.

Day 4 --

A. Explain what the significance of the word "increase" in John 3:30 is.

In this verse John the Baptist, speaking of Christ, says, "He must increase." In the previous verse John had said, "He who has the bride is the bridegroom." The increase in verse 30 is the bride in verse 29. The bridegroom is Christ, and the bride is His increase; just as Eve was the increase of Adam, being built from Adam's rib.

B. How did God want Israel to drink of Him becoming His increase?

Israel should have drunk of God as the fountain of living waters, but instead they committed two evils of forsaking Him and hewing out cisterns as another source. Nothing apart from God Himself dispensed into us as living water can make us His increase for His expression.

Day 5 --

A. Why do we say that only God Himself is the real life?

Both our physical life (bios) and our soulish life (psuche) are mortal, so the human life is not life. God's life (zoe) is eternal, which means immortal. The real life is immortal and eternal, and this real life is God Himself.

B. Explain the relationship between life and God.

Life is God's content and God's flowing out. God's content is God's being, so life is God's inner being. God's flowing out is the impartation of Himself as life to us. In Rev. 22:1 we see the river of water of life flowing out from the throne of God. This is God's flowing out.

Day 6 --

A. Explain the four main points of our enjoyment of God as life in Psalm 36.

The four main points are fatness, a river of pleasures, the fountain of life, and light. God's dwelling place, His house, has the fatness. This indicates that God's house is a matter of life. There is also a river of pleasures, a river of joy. We must learn to drink of the river of God's pleasures. There is also the fountain of life and the light. All of these four items point to one thing: God is for us to enjoy.

B. What is the most evil thing in the eyes of God in Jeremiah 2:13?

The most evil thing in the eyes of God is to forsake Him as the source, as the fountain of living waters, and to turn to some other source. All other sources are idols. In this verse the idols are likened to broken cisterns, which cannot hold water. People today are busy hewing out for themselves all kinds of cisterns. Actually, these cisterns are idols.

**III.** Conclusion :

Because God's eternal purpose is to have the church, the Body of Christ, He must have dispensed His life into His chosen and redeemed people. The thought of the Triune God being life to the tripartite man runs through the entire Bible. For the fulfillment of His purpose God dispenses Himself as the living water to produce His increase, the bride, for His expression. Our Christian life and church life should be a life of drinking the living water and enjoying the Lord. First God had finished His work, then He rested; we should rest first, then work. If we don't enjoy the Lord but rather do our service or works, we are not only laboured, burdened but also offending God.