A Radical Savior: A Radical Faith Called to a Radical Purpose Selected Scripture

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From the very beginning God made His <u>i n t e n t i o n</u> for mankind clear - we are to:

- Enjoy God's blessing God's GRACE (Gen 1:28-31)
- Multiply God's image God's GLORY (Gen 1:26-28)

This is *demonstrated* throughout the Bible:

- A b r a h a m (Gen 12-25; Gal 3:6-9)
- Israel's <u>d e l i v e r a n c e</u> from Egypt (Exodus 4-15)
- Israel and the <u>n a t i o n s</u> (Joshua 2:8-13)
- The <u>prophets</u> (Ezekiel 36:22-23)
- <u>J o n a h</u> (Jonah 1-4)

The error:

• We are not the object of Christianity, Jesus (God) is!

The problem:

We want the <u>o b I i g a t i o n s</u> of Christianity to apply to a
 <u>f e w</u>; while we want the <u>p r i v i I e g e s</u> of Christianity to
 apply to <u>a I I!</u>

The radical *redefinition* of our <u>p u r p o s e</u>:

- When Jesus <u>c a I I e d</u> His disciples it was to <u>p r e p a r e</u> them (us) for the mission He would <u>c o m m a n d</u> them (us) to <u>a c c o m p I i s h</u> (Matt 4:19-24; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)
- As Jesus was <u>s e n t</u>, He now sends <u>u s</u> to <u>c o n t i n u e</u> His mission until He returns (John 17:13-26; 15:8; 2 Cor 4:15)

Putting some thought to it all...

If the Bible teaches, from beginning to end, that God's people (today that is the church) is created to reflect all of God's glory to all of the world, then I must ask myself two questions:
Do I believe that the Bible is true?
2. What will I do to respond to Christ's command to me?
Finally, will I risk asking God to grip my heart with a redefined priority that He has designed my life for a radically bigger purpose that I have failed to understand and pursueand that by His grace I will start today to give myself to Him and allow Him change my perspective and way of living?