

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

**GOD HAS A PLAN**

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## **WHY ARE YOU HERE?**

What is the purpose of humanity on earth? Depending upon whom you ask, you will receive a variety of answers.

- ❖ As far as God is concerned, it is to be the praise of His glory. But in order for that to happen, we must first accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. **Ephesians 1:12**
- ❖ As far as God is concerned, any person who lives their life on earth without being born again has wasted their life and forfeited their eternity. **Revelation 20:11-15**
- ❖ As far as God is concerned, any person not living out their salvation is wasting their time on earth. **Psalms 107:1-9**

Imagine only living for 15 days vs. 30 years with severe brain damage vs. 60 years of living selfishly with good health. Which life was wasted?

## **GOD HAS A PLAN**

God is working on the earth according to a specific plan devised long before the creation took place. God has a specific plan for every human being that fits with His master plan. Where do you find yourself? **Jeremiah 29:4-11**

## **PREDESTINATION**

What is predestination? All the events in your life happen according to God's will. Nothing happens by chance and anything you do was foreseen by God. **Ephesians 1:5**

God doesn't want anyone to end up in the Lake of Fire. **2 Peter 3:9**

God loves humanity. **John 3:16-17**

He will save anyone who reaches out to Him. **Romans 10:8-13**

There is no doubt that God has predestinated us to become His children. **Jeremiah 1:4-5; Romans 8:14-17**

Many people miss this goal and live a sinful life that takes them to hell and later the Lake of Fire. Unless you are in the Kingdom of God, it is impossible to fulfill God's plan because you won't share the same values as Him. **Matthew 6:19-21; 22:36-40**

## **SALVATION**

Love is a powerful force. God doesn't want anything from you unless it is done in love. He also doesn't want to share you with the Devil. God wants you to be completely devoted to Him, to love Him without reservation and to trust Him with every detail of your life.

Love is what moved God to set up the salvation plan. This is why the first objective in life should be restoring the connection to God that was lost in the Garden of Eden. **1 Corinthians 12:3**



It is impossible to love God without being born again. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

An unsaved person is spiritually dead, a resident in the Kingdom of Satan, and blinded by the Devil. **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

## **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit follows salvation and it was so important that Jesus told His followers not to leave Jerusalem without it. They were not to preach the gospel until they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. What was the purpose of this baptism? It was about releasing the supernatural power of God to humanity! **Acts 1:1-5, 8**

Any church that tries to evangelize without the power of the Holy Spirit is operating with a handicap. Imagine a one-legged man in a foot race or a boxer with one arm tied behind his back. The Book of Acts indelibly shows that new believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit and manifested the nine gifts as well.

If you refuse the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you won't be able to progress to the next part of God's plan and I will share more about that next week.

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***