"THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE"

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This Evening's Lesson: "God's Purpose?"

"God's Purpose is to transform us into the image of Jesus Christ."

Thesis: Christ Jesus, the Son of God, is the "Expressed Image" of the Father, God (Mt. 1:18-25; Lk 2:26-35).

Christ Jesus is the end and fulfillment of the law and the prophets. In Him we see all we need to know about God (Mk. 9:2-8; Rom. 10:4). HE is God's Purpose for man connected to this earth and this world. HE is God's Purpose for mortality to be changed into immortality. HE is God's Purpose for man to have Eternal Life.

God's Purpose in Jesus Christ brings about the following:

A. INTEGRITY is the moral fibre of Godliness. It includes sincerity, honesty, living the Truth according to God's Word, justness, soundness of mind and heart based on intestinal fortitude.

(1 Tim. 1:7; Ps. 57:7; 108:1; 51:6; 117:2; John 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 John 5:6)

B. INHABITATION refers to the Indwelling of The Holy Spirit in the soul, heart and mind of man. This is "Christ in you."

(Col. 1:27)

C. INHERITANCE refers to the Gift of God granted to all who've received The Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

(Acts 20:32; 26:18)

Nothing is to separate the Believer from God's Love. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed I us" (v. 18).

Referring now to the words, "these things" found in v. 31. "These things" refer generally to struggling, suffering and the sinister.

"those things" which h	ave worked together for good i	in your life:

Note this, God works all things out for good only for 2 reasons (v. 28):

- 1. For those who "Love" Him
- 2. And are "Called" according to His Purpose

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