In the Bible, we always find the Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together to establish the purpose of God. It is so easy to read over these passages of Scripture with an understanding of what it says, but not grasping the revelation it brings to heart. For example;

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 KJV

Here, the Almighty Three-In-One or One-In-Three helps man get a sense of purpose, according to the plan of God. According to the text, the Holy Spirit is responsible for the *diversities of gifts* or what we consider the *tools of the trade*. It is the Holy Spirit who delivers the tools that should be mastered for the work of the ministry. He knows everything about each tool as well as the call of everyone, moreover, He will teach every man to full mastery. He was from the beginning, He is the Teacher of truth and the job of any teacher is to equip the student so well that the student may reproduce the work when called upon. All the Holy Spirit wants to do is to teach you to be like Jesus, producing the same results and demonstrating the same power in the Spirit of God.

The Lord Himself gives the ministries or *offices* to everyone, *even the rebellious also* *(Ps. 68:18 KJV)*. Regardless of who you are, there is a place in His government for you. The Lord sets the standard of qualification and the Holy Spirit teaches and delivers you to Jesus every chance He gets. This is a life long process, each time you seek God, you hunger and thirst for more of Him. The Lord receives you and takes you into glory, changing you here a little and there a little, to bring you to a place that satisfies. And you will be able to compare your spiritual standing with His, satisfying your thirst and hunger, at the same time strengthening you to press into Him until the full revelation of Christ is formed in you. The *diversities of operations* is the greater plan, design and purpose of the Father, sustained by the measure of the gift of Christ at work in you.
Well, you may ask, ‘I thought Jesus came to die for my sins and save me from hell?’

Well, not so, because the lesser is found in the greater. Jesus came primarily to do the will of the Father, and as a consequence of His obedience to the Father, we were saved by His death on the cross, made joint-heirs with Him, received power to become the sons of God, blessed by the substitution-identification benefits, and the list goes on and on. The greater plan is to do the will of the Father and through the diverse operations of God, we seal our salvation by the Holy Spirit of promise as we do the will of the Father. Jesus came in the world for this reason, but as representation of the Father.

*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.* John 5:30 KJV

Paul exhortations us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called..., as if to remind us that it is not of our own design, but of the Father.

4 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*
5 *One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*
6 *One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*
7 *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:4-7 KJV

The grace of God, (is a kind of loving-favor that flows from Him, through the body of Christ,) to everyone, through everyone, but in different ways; proportionately, not indiscriminately baptizing all who will receive for service. It returns to Him each time we give Him the credit as praise, worship and thanksgiving. A favor that is so strong, it comes alive in your weakness. Everything you do should be done as if it all proceeded from Him, because it did. Be careful not to go showing off the grace of God as a credit to your character. Some misunderstand this and consider it their foundation of personal success in ministry, but this only breeds pride and deceit in them.

11 *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* 12 *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.* 1 Corinthians 3:11-13 KJV

So it’s a good thing if someone asks you, “*WHY* do you do ‘WHAT’ you do?”

The fire of God will first deal with the ‘What’ to sort things out in such a way that it reveals the naked ‘Why’ in the judgment of Christ. And if there is no gold, then there will be nothing left. At that point the ‘What’ is defined and the ‘Why’ needs no further explanation. All arguments will go by the way side, no matter how eloquently you are. You may present your case to explain your lack... “I did missionary work, I wrote many books, I had the largest church, I even give my body to be burnt, much fastings, and besides, I am a good man, I am politically correct ...”
All of the above describes the ‘What’, yet the ‘What’ must go through the fire and only that which is done to the glory of God will remain, all else is trash turned into ash. The gold residue is the crown of your reward.

What is the glory of God? There are two meanings that define the glory of God in Scripture, and for our purpose let’s consider this first;

11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another. Isaiah 48:11 KJV

…not give my ‘glory’ unto another, it is the ‘kabod’- the weight, the honor, the credit, God will not share with another. What answer would you give if God asks you a question like; “How did I lay each foundation of the world and tell me, what keeps the boundaries of the seas from overflowing the land?” The credit belongs to Him alone.

The second meaning of the glory of God can be found in the following Scripture;

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: John 17:22 KJV.

And the ‘glory’ which thou gavest...; it is the ‘doxa’ – presence, manifest joy of the Lord, the blessing of God, He will share this glory. The presence, the manifest joy, the blessing of God will He share for His purpose - that we are conformed to the image of His Son. He will not share the ‘kabod’ however, God will always share the ‘doxa’. God shared His image, the presence, the joy and the blessings with man from the beginning in the Garden. The garden is the symbolic place of our birthright, full of abundance and glory, where all dominion was first ascribe to man. A place where no curse is found, a place where God visited Adam in glory, in the cool of the day to share with him, until sin entered in.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. (Genesis 3:24 KJV)

The birthright is the ultimate goal we seek and it’s received only by inheritance. But the way to receive it is not forward, but backward – back to Pentecost. Where the fire fell and prepared a new walk of power to take back that which was lost. Jesus said; “8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: (Acts 1:8 KJV)” In other words, Jesus said (paraphrase), ‘you are not useful to me until you pass through the fire to remove the trash from your lives. The state you are in now opposes you in every way, and when the fire fall, it will purify you until what is left will allow me to make a deposit in you. This deposit will be the only hope of God getting any glory out of you. So, go and pray in Jerusalem until the fire falls from heaven, then you’ll be able to carry the glory and give it back to the Father. The glory I have given you, it came from the Father and must return to Him. After you received power from on high, only then will you be able to walk in it like I did.’
In Pentecost, they went through the fire and spoke not only in tongues, but they spoke languages accord to the Scriptures;

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabsians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. (Acts 2:8-11 KJV)

Consequently, the depth of purification when the cloven tongues of fire sat upon each of them changed their lives forever. We are headed back to revival days in the purifying fire of God. The only way back is to go through the fire. No entry can be made into that symbolic Garden of Eden unless you have a revelation that is fire-proof. And the only revelation that will stand the test of fire is the revelation of Jesus Christ. Everything we do, say, or handle, must go through the fire, otherwise no one knows what it is, the fire reveals the gold, the rest is turned into a pile of ash, and lost forever. So why do you do what you do? eh? Why?

...and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

(Genesis 3:24 KJV).

The flaming sword - the fire - can do nothing further with the gold that’s already tested and you pass the test by fire again, straight pass the flaming sword into the land of dominion, where God meets with you in the cool of the day and imparts all you can handle as you are transformed into His image and His likeness.

I believe God is calling a people who will go back into the symbolic Garden of Eden, living in His glory and carrying His presence. They will come through with the gold of God, they will live their lives to the glory of God, walk in holiness and righteousness (like Peter walked with in power during the revival days of Pentecost, that his shadow fell on the sick and they were healed).

The purpose of God is still the same today as it was in the beginning. We will be what God purposed us to be. When you maintain your identity (the image of yourself - the way you see yourself, in the blindness of your pride), you become a threat to the glory of God. All He desires is a humble heart that says ‘Yes’ and ‘Amen’ to His call. It’s not suggested that we become a people without identity or status of recognition. No, but if the glory that Christ gave us is working in us, then our identity is dead and the life we now live is no longer ours, but Christ that lives in us. Enoch is a typical example of this in Old Testament days;

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him. (Genesis 5:24 KJV)

Enoch must have placed God first in all he did and himself last. He conformed to the image he received of God so much, that he lost his identity in God and was taken into glory. This is not some new doctrine, God did not changed His mind; we are to be con-
formed to the image of His dear Son. Enoch walked with God and was raptured! Is Enoch a type of the Church that will be taken away some day? Maybe, but I am not sure. But looking at the walk of the Church today, it is different from the what He expects of us. Every man walks his own way today, establishing his own kingdom, denominations, cults or organizations, as they will. It is not the will of the Father that we leave His righteousness and go about establishing another that threatens the image of God in us. Our identity issues have presented a major problem to the walk of power in the Church, because most are seeking to increase in his own image and decrease the image and presence of God.

Is this your concern also or is it mine alone?

God demands that we loose the image we have of ourselves, He wants to remove us from the equation so that the one that comes forth looks just like Jesus. All Jesus did was done to the glory of God. Anything else is vainglory flesh and trash to be set to fire.

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. (Revelations 3:18 KJV)

Every time we run to the flesh for rescue or comfort to trust in it; is trusting in lusts, bitterness, swelling tempers, lies, hate, unforgivingness, envy, anger, deceit and the like. The best of the flesh produces the worst in us, so call down the fire of God now, in the Name of Jesus, let it burn all the trash that has kept you from walking in true righteousness. It is best to test the ‘What’ now, than later, in the presence of the Lord.

Dear Beloved,

Be encouraged to press towards the mark of the high call and buy of Him gold tried by fire so that through you, the Father may be glorified. Share with us your prayer points as we pray for you.

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