



Main point: Remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Redemption
4. The Kingdom of God

#1:

Acts 17:24

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

#2:

Ephesians 1:11

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...

#3:

Romans 5:12

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin...so death spread to all men because all sinned...

#4:

“Am I not the master of my fate, the captain of my soul? Do I not determine my own destiny? It’s hard to hear this in a culture so soused in Hollywood goo, but: no. We have all been born into a problem that goes back to before we did anything, before we even existed: we have all been born of Adam. In his likeness. Of his family, sharing his sinful identity. Instead of being sinners because we each sin, we were born sinners, and that’s why we sin and die...We’re just acting out who we are. (Hold on through this dark bit: the light shines so much brighter because of it.)”

#5:

Genesis 6:5

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...¹² And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

#6:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

#7:

Isaiah 53:5

“He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

Ezekiel 34:23

And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Psalms 2:6-8

“The LORD said to me, “You are my Son...Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.”

#8:

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

#9:

“It is as if humankind was a portrait of Christ, drawn in his likeness, now horribly defaced by sin. But then Christ returns to have his portrait redrawn and renewed – not to commission an entirely new piece of work but to renovate that original. The Image of God would come to show us what it means to be in the image of God, and to remold us into what we were created to be.”

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#10:

Romans 5

“...Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin...many died by the trespass of the one man...by the trespass of the one man, death reigned...one trespass resulted in the condemnation for all people...through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners.”

#11:

1Corinthians 15:20-23

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

#12:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit...⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.