

# Southeast Sower

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## The Southeast Church Of Christ Meets At:

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### Services:

#### SUNDAY:

- 10AM Bible Study
- 10:50AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

#### WEDNESDAY

- 7:30PM Worship

### God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear Rom. 10:17
- Believe Heb. 11:6
- Repent Acts 2:38
- Confess Matt. 10:32
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16
- Stay Faithful Rev.2:10

## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU (PART ONE)

Last month's sower explained why your life is important because God created you and how God created everything for a purpose. Proverbs 16:3-4a "Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its own purpose.." To begin a series of God's Purpose For You and Your Life, we are going to study why God created the mind. After the fall of man, due to the sin of Adam and Eve, we need to remember our focus lest we forget and use God's creation for Satan's purpose.

Our minds are intricate and powerful. It is the mind that directs the whole body. The mind is so powerful that it can take a song, a scent or an image and recall an experience for us to reminisce. God made the mind powerful for a few reasons: to know and understand His perfect will, to discern good and evil, and to remember the hope and promise of eternal life. We will first look at how the mind was created to understand God's will.

In Matt. 22:37 states, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." Jesus, in this passage, said you have to love God with all your mind. How do love God with your mind? By complete devotion to the study, understanding and application of His will. Psalm 1:2-3, in reference to the one who does not walk wickedly finds "his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither and in whatever he does, he prospers." God wants us to grow in our knowledge of His will so then we may better serve Him. Romans 12:2 tells us that we are to renew our minds daily, meaning we spend time with God's word each and every day. Philippians 4:8 says we are to think upon those things that are holy, just, righteous and good. If we are meditating upon God's word daily and thinking upon good things, then we will grow in our knowledge and faith (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:18). If you believe the Bible is the inspired word of God, then you will believe He has inspired men to write down His will and purpose for the creation of your mind. Furthermore, your mind was created for discernment.

Hosea 14:9 "Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them." As we go throughout our daily routines, we need to be able to discern the way of the Lord from the ways of the world. Jesus said that there are two roads we can travel, one leads to everlasting destruction and the other to everlasting life. (Matt. 7:13-14). Your ability to discern or not

### Genesis 1:31

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good..."

### 2<sup>ND</sup> Timothy 4:2

"Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching."

### Proverbs 16:3-4a

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will is a matter of life or death...literally. The only way to know God's will is to read, study and apply the teachings to your life. No other book, no amount of "good deeds" or anything else will save you. Once you have gained knowledge of God's word and are able to discern good from evil, God created your mind to remember.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 says "Remember thy Creator in the days of your youth." Whether you are a youth in your physical age or a youth in your spiritual maturity, remember God's sacrifice, mercy, grace, forgiveness and hope that He offers to you. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15 says to "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." Do you remember the price God paid for you? Do you remember that everyday you wake up is another day God has provided for you to make your heart right with Him and to be forgiven? Do you remember the wonderful home God is willing to give you, or have you forgotten because you are so focused on your life here on earth?

Your mind is powerful, it is wonderful, it is too complex for any human to truly understand. Your mind was created for the purpose to serve God by learning and understanding God's will. Your mind was created to discern good from evil, to be focused on the treasures in heaven. Your mind was created to remember God's promise and requirements everyday. For what purpose are you using your mind? Are renewing your mind each day and meditating upon God's word? Or are you so caught up in this life that God's will is something you think about for a few moments before bed or during a short prayer before you eat?

-Jordon Smith

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## THE WORLD'S BIBLE

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today; He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way.

He has no tongues but our tongues to tell men how He died; He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read; we are the sinners Gospel, we are the scoffer's creed.

We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word; what if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred? What if our hands are busy with work other than His? What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?

What if our tongues are speaking of things His lips would spurn? How can we hope to help Him and hasten His return??

-Annie Johnson Flint