

Pln15 - **The End of The Story - Rev 21:3**

**Today we WRAP UP our SURVEY of the Bible that has followed
2 PARTS of the book - MULTIPLY - *Francis Chan & Mark Bueving***

The book has 5 PARTS - Of which we've dug into 2 PARTS

**We've followed PART 4 - "Understanding the Old Testament"
& PART 5 - "Understanding the New Testament"**

**Because in these 2 PARTS - we can clearly SEE
"God's Plan: Genesis to Revelation" - (series title)**

There are also - THREE other PARTS of this Book - They Are:

- 1) Living as a Disciple Maker**
- 2) Living as the Church**
- 3) How to Study the Bible**

In the book - Those 3 PARTS come BEFORE
this SURVEY we've just done thru the OT & NT

& I would LOVE for YOU to go thru those 3 PARTS in the book

**You can go thru the First 3 PARTS of the book - MULTIPLY
either BEFORE - or AFTER you listen to this Series**

Either way - This is info the Church NEEDS to HEAR

Our MISSION in this Church - & in Word-By-Mail - is to
BE DOING Exactly What our Lord Commanded us to do

Our Mission is to BE MAKING DISCIPLES - Of ALL Nations
& THAT is the Mission of the book MULTIPLY as well

AND - - If you **have heard** (or seen) these **15 Msg's** Surveying
God's Plan of Redemption from Genesis to Revelation . . .

You can't just STOP there !!

Our Mission - **The Mission** of the **ENTIRE Church** of **Jesus Christ** -
is to **BE MAKING DISCIPLES** - **UNTIL** the Lord Returns

So **please, don't stop** at **just listening & learning**

Keep Pressing In - Until **YOU** (personally) have **become**
an **ACTIVE, FRUITFUL PART** - of **God's Plan** for **the Church**
Which IS - For us to **BE MAKING DISCIPLES**

There's a **PLACE** for **YOU** (personally), in **God's Plan**

& I **pray** you will **TAKE** your **PLACE** - & **Receive** the **Incredible &**
Eternal Blessings of **Following Jesus** & **helping** others **Follow** Him

BE a Disciple - Who is involved - in Making Disciples

Let's Pray

In 15 Wks - We've **gone** from the **Creation of the World** -
to (*today*) - the **Creation of the New World**

Genesis 1:1 says (ESV)

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

& **then** - **From Genesis** - we **followed** the
SINGLE THREAD of **Redemption**

Until we get to Revelation 21:5 & read (ESV)

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." . . .

**& so We've gone from God Creating the Heavens & the Earth
To God making ALL Things NEW**

God **Absolutely IS** going to **RETURN** His **Creation** (inclgd Mankind)
to the Glory that He **first created it** with

God's **Plan of Redemption** is **God REVERSING** the **Effects**
of **the Fall** - & **RETURNING** His **Creation** to a **SINLESS** state

Originally - God **created Mankind** in **His own Image**, & **Placed** them
in His **Perfect World** - to **lovingly rule** over it - **on His Behalf**

Then **Adam & Eve Rebelled** - they **Rejected God** - & Chose **SIN**
& in **doing so THEY PUT** all this **world under** the **CURSE OF SIN**

But God was **NOT 'Taken By Surprise'** - **Instead** - God **Immediately**
made a **Promise** re: His **Plan of Redemption**

in **Gen 3:15** - God **tells the Serpent** - the **Seed of the Woman** will
one day **strike a Fatal Blow** to your **HEAD**
Even Tho you will **Strike** His **HEEL**

& **from that Moment** on - **The Victory** of **God's Plan of Redemption**
for **Mankind** & **Creation** - was **GUARANTEED**

& in **John 19:30** - When **Jesus** Cried Out: **"IT IS FINISHED"**

That **Victory** over **SATAN, SIN, & THE CURSE**
was **FINISHED** - it was **COMPLETE**

Satan had a LEGAL CLAIM against us

Our SIN Required God's JUDGMENT
& Satan worked hard for us to RECEIVE that Judgment

But Colossians 2:14–15 (IN NLT) Says

14 [Jesus] canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Satan had us right where He wanted us - Judged in our SIN

But Jesus Canceled the Record of the Charges of SIN against us

Jesus WON our Final Victory - ON THE CROSS
& He made a Public Spectacle of Satan & All his cohorts

The Life, Death, & Resurrection of Jesus Christ

is the Culmination - the Grand Finale - the Final Act
of God's Plan of Redemption - For US - And CREATION

Jesus did what NONE of us could ever do

He lived a Perfect Life - then DIED in OUR Place, as OUR Payment
So that we Can be Reconciled to a Righteous God
In HIS Own Righteousness!!

If you belong to Jesus Christ today
The work of your Salvation IS FINISHED!!

Your VICTORY OVER SIN *'In Him'* is COMPLETE
Your ETERNAL LIFE *'With Him'* is GUARANTEED

If you Belong to Jesus Today - Whatever happens in this life
In this Fallen & Cursed World . . .

It cannot even be COMPARED to the GLORY
God has ALREADY Reserved - on YOUR Behalf

TURN OVER to Romans 8:18 (ESV)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

For those who have Chosen Christ - The END is So GLORIOUS,
So INCREDIBLE, So JOYFUL, So INDESCRIBABLE

The Trials & Tribulations of THIS world
are not even worthy to be compared to it

The END of the Story is - Jesus Christ has WON - *Once & For ALL*

& if He is Your LORD - Then the GLORY that is Waiting for you
is INCOMPARABLE to anything you can Imagine

Would you do me a Favor? - Would you just MARK in your Bible
Rom 8:18-25 - & Really spend some time there?

God's Plan of Redemption has Worked out PERFECTLY

God Picked a Man - ABRAHAM
God Picked a People - ISRAEL
God Picked a Royal Line - DAVID

& God has Perfectly Woven every detail together
throughout ALL of Human History

**ALL to lead up to the Culmination & Final Victory of Jesus Christ -
On the CROSS - & in the RESURRECTION**

But WAIT . . . Cause Still . . . We're HERE . . .

STILL in a FALLEN Word

STILL Battling our SINFUL Flesh

STILL Not seeing our FULL & Tangible Victory (*even tho it's finished*)

**True - - But we have the PROMISE of God to Hold on to
& we have the DOWN-PAYMENT of our Guaranteed Victory**

**& that Down-Payment - is The Holy Spirit -
God Himself - Living IN US**

Ephesians 1:13–14 (ESV)

13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

We have a taste of "God with us" Right Now

The Holy Spirit Enables Us;

To Fellowship with God NOW

To Commune with God NOW

To Serve God NOW

**It's ALL we can handle - & Yet it is a SMALL TASTE
of what God has Promised us - in the Full Victory of Jesus Christ**

We can't YET SEE - with our Physical Eyes - The FULL Victory
But we DO KNOW the End of the Story

The Book of Revelation was written

So we could KNOW the End of the Story

So our FAITH could have something TANGIBLE to HOLD ON TO

Our Victory in Christ is ALREADY FINISHED

But God is still moving Everything toward its ETERNAL END:

EITHER: Victory in Christ - or - Final Judgment upon Sin

Jesus Appeared the First Time - to be the Necessary Sacrifice
to Redeem US to God - *To Save us from our Sin*

And He is going to Appear a SECOND TIME - To bring
our Redemption to its FINAL FULFILLMENT

THIS is THE END of the Story

TODAY - It's not hard for us to see

there is something VERY WRONG in this World - *Right?*

& some people blame Different Things
for the Pain & Tragedy of this world

& how often have you heard people BLAME GOD ??
(*we Blame God so often, don't we?*)

But the Actual Truth is

God is NOT the PROBLEM - God is the ANSWER

Rom 8:19 speaks to this when it says
*creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption -
along WITH the Children of God*

This world - & **ALL** who are **Born in it**
Are **Born** in **Bondage to Corruption** - in **Bondage to SIN**

No **POLITICS**

No **PEACE MOVEMENTS**

No **HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS . . .**

Not even **STOPPING GLOBAL WARMING** - Can FIX
the **Bondage to Corruption** - that **WE**, & this **World** are **in**

But **GOD** has a **Plan of Redemption** - A **Perfect Plan** - To **REDEEM**
this World & **ALL** who will **put** their **Faith** in **Jesus Christ**

God's **Plan of Redemption**

CULMINATES in the **Sacrifice** & **Resurrection** of **Jesus Christ**

BECAUSE (Listen Pls) **ONLY** the **Work** of **Jesus Christ** can
BREAK the **Bondage to Sin & Corruption** - **this World** is **under**

BECAUSE ONLY Jesus Christ has **BEAT** the **Power of SIN**
BY PAYING the Required **Consequence of DEATH**

& **this One** - **Who** has **BEAT Sin & Death** - **IS COMING BACK !!!**

& **Because** of **WHO** Jesus **IS** - & **WHAT** He has **DONE**
To **Free US & Creation** from our **Bondage to Sin**

When Jesus Returns it will be to **RULE over**
a **PERFECT** - **SINLESS** - **RE-CREATED** World

TURN OVER to Philippians 2:9–11 (ESV)

9 Therefore (because of Who Jesus Is - & What He's Done) **God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**EVERY Knee - By CHOICE or By REQUIREMENT - will Bow
EVERY Tongue - By CHOICE or REQUIREMENT - will Confess . . .
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**

**Jesus Christ is LORD of ALL Creation
& one day He will make that perfectly CLEAR**

& from GOD'S Perspective
There has NEVER Been ANY OTHER PLAN

Francis Chan - Multiply

God's plan of redemption has never been contingent. There has never been any doubt about the way history will end. This is God's world; He created it; He vowed to reclaim it; He died to purchase His people, and finally, when the time arrives, He will come and take this world by force

Far too many of us see still Jesus Christ
as some sort of JEWISH GAHNDI

**Guys - Jesus Came to Break the Bondage of Sin & Corruption
that WE - & All Creation were Under**

He **DID** it **WHILE Being** - The **Divine Teacher** & **Humble Servant**
But He **CAME** to **WIN a WAR** that **you & I** could **NOT Win**

He **came to Break a Bondage** - **You & I** - **Could NOT Break**

He **came to PAY** the **Full Penalty of Sin**
So **You & I** could **CHOOSE** to **NOT** have to **PAY IT ourselves**

Jesus Christ is the **Conquering King of all Creation**
& **when He returns** - **THAT** will be **Perfectly Clear**

We **just finished studying REV** , V-by-V in **43 Msg's**
& in **Rev Ch 1** - We looked at **WHO Jesus Christ is, TODAY**

I'd encourage you to listen to or watch that msg:

on the **Phone App** - (search **wordbymail**),

on the **Website** - **wordbymail.com**

on **VIMEO** - if you have internet TV (search **Word by Mail**)

Or ask **Pam** - for a **Good Ol' Fashioned - CD or DVD**

Let's **turn over** to **Rev Ch 1** - for a **quick REFRESHER**

Revelation 1:10-17 (ESV)

10 (The Apostle John says) ***I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet***

. . . (skip to v.12)

12 ***Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,***

13 ***and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.***

14 ***The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,***

15 ***his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.***

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead . . .

The **FIRST Time** Jesus **came** - He came as **SACRIFICIAL SERVANT**

The **NEXT Time** Jesus **comes** - He comes as **CONQUERING KING**

& if you'll **study Revelation** - Especially **OUR Revelation Study**

You'll **SEE - THAT** is the **PURPOSE of Revelation !!**

The **Purpose of REV** is **NOT**

to **FUEL** the **Prophecy BOOK Business** . . .

The **Purpose of REV** is to **make it 100% Perfectly Clear** -

The **END of the Story** is - **JESUS WINS !!**

& **ALL those** who've **put** their **FAITH In Him** - **WIN In Him**

Revelation was **written Primarily** for **ENCOURAGEMENT**

Encouragement for Believers **LIKE US**

Who get **Worn-Down**, **Tired**, & **Discouraged**

The Purpose of **REV** is to **TELL The END of the STORY**

& it **does so** - in **DRAMATIC FASHION**

Because the **End of the Story** is **DRAMATIC**

& **When** you **get** to the **End of the Story** - In **Rev 21 & 22**

Some **incredible things** **TIE ALL** of **God's Plan Together**

The **1st Ch's of Genesis** & the **Last Ch's of Revelation**

Describe a **VERY SIMILAR Environment**

We dealt with that in our 5-MESSAGE MINI-SERIES on HEAVEN
that we did at the End of Rev (Msg's 38-42) - *(Ask Pam)*

It's AMAZING to Look at the Similarities
of the Garden of Eden & the New Earth

& when you DO - You end up saying - Hey - It looks like God's Plan
is to RETURN things to the way they were - BEFORE SIN

Rev 21 & 22 Use descriptions from both
the Garden of Eden & the Temple in Jerusalem

Because these two places were where God communed w/ man

Everything about the Old Creation that was
in Bondage to Sin - Has Been MADE NEW

& the New Creation will be so full of JOY
that it's hard to even IMAGINE right now

But - The MOST Incredible Thing -
The MOST Joyful Thing - about the New Creation

Is found in Revelation 21:3 (ESV)

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

Listen pls - This is the Final Fulfillment of the Covenants
God made with His people - From the Very Beginning

HOW Many times have we Read - *"they will be His people,
and He will be their God"*

All thru the OT - Whenever God Made, or Renewed
His Covenant Commitment to His People

THESE WORDS were in there Somewhere -
“they will be His people, and He will be their God”

& at THE END of the STORY - in Rev 21:3 - We READ
*Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell
with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be
with them as their God.*

& Rev 5:9 makes it clear - The Fulfillment of God’s Plan of
Redemption includes those from . . .

Every TRIBE Every LANGUAGE
Every PEOPLE Every NATION - On Earth !!

God’s PLAN OF REDEMPTION Includes - YOU !!!

Jesus included YOU - When He DIED to pay
for the Sins of the World - as 1John 2:2 says

& you can RECEIVE that REDEMPTION - TODAY
It is FOR YOU - But you MUST RECEIVE it

Because the End of the Story is also Very Clear for those
who REJECT God’s Offer of Salvation in Jesus Christ

Rev Ch 20 & Ch 22 Both say - for those who Reject God’s Plan of
Salvation in Jesus Christ - They will be Judged by their WORKS

& before you decide you’ll go with THAT Approach -
Remember - NO SIN can be in the Presence of God

So if you go with the - I'll be judged by my WORKS approach
You'll be given the opportunity to Prove you have NEVER Sinned

But if you HAVE Sinned (& the Bible says we've ALL Sinned) . . .

If you HAVE Sinned - the Judgment is Eternal Separation from God
in a place the Bible calls - HELL - which is just as real as HEAVEN

Pls hear me when I say - God has a Plan for YOUR Salvation
It's a plan He's had since the Foundation of the World

His plan is to SAVE you from the Judgment your sin requires
& to make a place for you in Heaven with Him for Eternity

Your Role - Your PART is:

Put your FAITH in Jesus Christ
Truly Receive Him as your Savior & Lord

& the Greatest Eternal Blessings
of God's Plan of Redemption - Will be YOURS

Pls ALLOW the Realities of the ETERNAL JOY of HEAVEN
VS's the ETERNAL JUDGMENT for SIN

To Motivate you to TURN FROM Sin & this World
& TURN TO Jesus Christ - For Salvation & Eternal Life

Commit Your Entire Life to Christ

Ask Him to SAVE you from your SIN - &
Commit to FOLLOW Him as your LORD

Then allow Him - to TRANSFORM you into a DISCIPLE

Let's Pray