**ONE PURPOSE – ONE PROBLEM**

PURPOSE: LOVE

PROBLEM: SIN

1. **GOD’S PURPOSE FOR CREATING THE WORLD (Including us) – “LOVE”**

* Jer. 31:3 ““I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”
* John 3:16 “ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son…”
* Eph 3:18 “And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.”
* 1 John 4:7-8 **7**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

The Greatest Commandment: “Love God, Love Others”

Matt 22:36-40

**36**“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”**37**Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22%3A36-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23910a)] **38**This is the first and greatest commandment. **39**And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+22%3A36-40&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23912b)] **40**All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

In the beginning…

**Gen 1:2** “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

**Gen. 1:26 –**

* + Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, *(NIV)*
  + Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.*(NLT)*
  + Then God said, "And now we will make human beings; they will be like us *and* resemble us. *(Good News Translation)*

**Gen 1:31** “God saw all that he had made, and it was *very good.” (not just good)*

**PURPOSE FULFILLED**

**He created it all for Love and now it was complete.**

*Gen 3:9* *“Lord walked in the garden in the cool of the day, looking for them”,* to spend time with them. *(picture that)*

1. **THE ONE PROBLEM WITH THE WORLD – “SIN”**

**Sin entered into the world!**

**Isa 59:2  “**Your ***sins*** are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.”

**WHAT IS SIN, AND WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?**

The ONE PURPOSE IS LOVE

The ONE PROBLEM IS SIN

Because SIN IS THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE

*LOVE – (Others-oriented, Sacrificial, Selfless)*

*Willing and doing the best for another person, regardless of self.*

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life…”

1st Cor. 13:5 “Love… it is not self-seeking”

*SIN – (Selfish; self-seeking, self-pleasing, self-oriented)*

*James 3:16 “*For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.”

ONE PURPOSE – LOVE is the BASIS of our Relationship with God.

ONE PROBLEM – SIN is destructive to our relationship with God.

Because SIN IS THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE

*Sin is the ONE problem,*

*And there are only THREE sins.*

*1 John 2:*16 “For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father but from the world.”

1. Lust of the Flesh - Satisfying the senses in excess. (cravings, sensuality, etc.)
2. Lust of the Eyes - Coveting, desiring that which does not belong to you (materialism, envy, etc.)
3. Pride – Wanting to be considered better, higher, more important than others.

*(i.e. more successful, better looking, more talented, etc. than others. Wanting others to look up to you, not down on you.)*

*So what did God do?*

**Romans 5:8-11**

**8***But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* **11**so we also **rejoice** in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Jesus’s death was about *reconciliation* into *relationship with God*.**

**JESUS SOLVED THE SIN ISSUE!**

1 Cor. 5:21 “For God made Christ, who *never sinned*, to be the *offering for our sin*, so that we could be made *right with God* through Christ.

**John 17:26** The final verse. (the end of His journey here on Earth)

“I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so.

Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

**His final Goal was to restore LOVE between us and God.**

**Jesus fulfilled the PURPOSE, by Solving the PROBLEM**

Romans 8:38-39

**38**And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. **39**No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.