

“God the Son – His Purpose”
John 5:30-38

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Those are wonderful testimonies! And did you catch what Eunice said? She shares the audio messages on WhatsApp with her friends, so even more people are hearing the daily Bible teaching programs in the Guarani language. You know, friend, you can do the same thing; tell your friends where they can listen to the program you’re listening to right now.

If you were with me last time here on *Hope for Today*, you know that began a 3-part series from John’s Gospel on God the Son. Last time we learned about Jesus’ nature. On today’s program we’ll learn about His purpose, and next time, Lord willing, we’ll learn about His call. I hope you can join us for each of these.

Here now is Dr. Yoder with today’s teaching, “God the Son – His Purpose.”

Some of the names that are used for Jesus are in combination. Jesus Christ in Greek is “*Christos*”, which means Jesus, the Anointed One. In the Old Testament language, Hebrew, it is “*mashiach*”, Jesus, the Messiah. This tells me that He is the Special One. There is no one like Him! He has a particular place in all of the human family. Nobody can take His place. He came to show us God.

One time Phillip asked Him to show them the Father and Jesus answered, “He who has seen me has seen the Father...” So, He came to show us the Father.

Jesus Christ came to fulfill God’s purpose perfectly, and He did. We learn this from John 5:30-38.

30 *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.*

31 *If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.*

32 *There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.*

33 *Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.*

34 *But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.*

35 *He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.*

36 *But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*

37 *And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.*

38 *And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.*

These are straight forward words coming from the lips of Jesus. From Jesus’ own personal testimony we can see the several AREAS where He accomplished His purpose. This message is about GOD THE SON—HIS PURPOSE.

The first of these areas where Jesus accomplished His purpose is **In the Will of the Father.**

He said He came not to do His own will but the will of the Father. That means there was complete submission on His part. He had no will of His own. He realized His highest joy by doing the will of the Father. There is something comforting about that because it becomes very clear that there is a kind of unity here which no other one has experienced.

He received His Father's witness because He did His Father's will. He said He did not bear witness of Himself for if He did, His witness would not be true. But the Father bore witness of Him. Jesus received His Father's approval.

Now, my friend, without doubt Jesus carried out the Father's will. On another occasion He said, "I do always those things that please the Father." In this area His purpose was clearly spelled out. Nothing mattered to Jesus except the will of the Father. It was His total purpose to carry out the Father's will.

I don't know whether that comes through to you in all its force or not. It really means that God the Son purposed to do nothing except the will of God the Father.

The second area where Jesus accomplished His purpose was **The Works of the Father**.

Of course, there is a very close relationship between the will of the Father and the works of the Father. Jesus goes back and recalls that John the Baptist bore testimony to Him. We could find that in the first chapter of John's Gospel. What did John say about Jesus when he saw Him coming? He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John had a message. He urged those who came to him to bear fruit as evidence of repentance, because they were in the presence of the Lamb of God.

Jesus remarked how the people came and rejoiced in the light John brought them. But the works of God, Jesus said, are more important than the testimony of John. Jesus had a special work to do; a work outlined for Him even beyond the teachings that He taught, because there was a particular and distinct work that Jesus came to do: the work of the Father.

He doesn't say exactly what that work is in this Scripture, but if we go on to the end of John's Gospel we can see what it is. Jesus came to make a satisfactory sacrifice for our sins. He went to the cross; He died on the cross and shed His blood that we might be forgiven of our sins. That is the work of the Father. Without doubt Jesus accomplished the work of the Father. There can be no question about that.

Then there is the third area where Jesus accomplished His purpose: **The Witness of the Father.**

Several times in these verses you notice that Jesus said “The Father hath sent me.” Jesus was sent by the Father. On other occasions a voice came from heaven affirming Jesus. One of those times was at His baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. A voice came from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father bore witness to God the Son.

In addition to that, Jesus’ teaching agreed with God’s Word. He said the Father sent Him and has borne witness of Him. The words of Jesus are important because Jesus was teaching in harmony with God’s Word. He said to those who were around Him that they did not have God’s Word dwelling in them, because they did not believe in Him whom God had sent. The invisible God became visible in Jesus.

God’s Word is a picture of God and His dealings with mankind. If they refused to look at God’s Word and to accept it, how could they expect to understand whom God the Son was? You see? The witness of the Father is that third area in which Jesus worked out His purpose. Without doubt Jesus received a witness of the Father.

Now, my friend, we must see how Jesus, God the Son, carried out His purpose closely associated with the Father: He performed the will of the Father; He accomplished the work of the Father; He received the witness of the Father. Do you see that this Someone who is distinct and absolutely unique is God the Son? How do you respond to Him? Peter once said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!” That must be your confession, too.

Yes, my friend, as Dr. Yoder said, you need to understand who Jesus is and why He came to earth. But your understanding must be more than just intellectual, just accepting the facts with your mind. You must accept Him into your heart and life and allow him to transform you from the inside out.

My friend, do you believe Jesus is who He said He is? If you exercise faith in Him, He will reveal Himself to you. No, you may not see a visible form, but He will speak to you through His word and through your conscience. And He will teach you how to know Him truly.

Now, were you blessed by this teaching? If so, you can request an audio CD or a printed copy of this complete teaching, “God the Son – His Purpose.”

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Now, I urge you to tune in next week as Dr. Yoder continues our study from John’s Gospel with a message titled “God the Son – His Call.” You won’t want to miss it. And until then, I urge you to keep looking for that blessed HOPE.