

## Conclusion

....We must therefore be freed from the idolatry of misplaced gratitude. For no one can exercise faith in God who does not honor God "as God" and giving him alone the thanks due him as Creator of the world and Provider of our needs (Romans 1:21).. This, creation itself, when seen with the eyes of faith, teaches us to put away our idols by recognizing God alone as Creator and Provider. - Scott Hafemann, TGOPATLOF, p. 39

## Assignments due March 23, 2014

- Read [Tony Payne, God's Agenda](#) (also available online)
- Meet, read, and discuss Col 1:1-14

## Course Outline:\*

- Mar 9 The Reason for Existence: Why Did God Create the World?
- Mar 16 The Futility of Sin: What's Wrong with the World?
- Mar 23 The Knowledge of God: How Can We Know God and Ourselves?
- Mar 30 The Mission of God: What is God Doing in the World?
- Apr 6 The Death of Christ: How Does the Cross Change My Life?
- Apr 13 The Transformation of Christians: What Are We Fighting For?
- **Apr 20 No Class (Resurrection Day)**
- Apr 27 The Methods of God's Mission: What Should Christians Do?
- May 4 The Mission of the Church: What Should the Church Do?
- May 11 Our Mission at Work: What about Monday through Friday?
- May 18 Our Mission with the Church: What about the Lord's Day?

## Questions?

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## THE POINT OF YOUR LIFE: GOD'S MISSION IN JESUS CHRIST



## Class 2: The Futility of Sin: What's Wrong with the World?

### Introduction/Review

The life of faith begins where the Bible begins, with a declaration that God is the Creator of the world. Moreover, the only proper response to this fundamental truth is an attitude of thankfulness arising from a continuing awareness that we are indebted to him for everything we are. There is nothing in this life more basic or more crucial than this. This awareness and thankfulness are the bedrock upon which faith is built and apart from which it cannot exist. In order to trust in God we must be convinced He alone is the sovereign and gracious Provider of all things... – Scott Hafemann, *The God of Promise and the Life of Faith*, p. 39

### Class Aims:

1. Consider what went wrong.
2. Come to grips with the grim realities of what life is like as a result of what went wrong.

### I. What went wrong? *Genesis 3*

II. What is the essence of Adam and Eve's sin?

A. They distrust \_\_\_\_\_.

B. They \_\_\_\_\_ against God's \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

*"the futile way of thinking that results from mankind's failure to honor the One who has revealed himself through creation "as God" – IBID, p.35*

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

A. Humanity is cursed with \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Man \_\_\_\_\_

2. Woman \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

Ecclesiastes 3

V. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is seen in this futility.