

## Conclusion

*“So what is God’s agenda for the world and for our lives? The Bible reveals that his big purpose is found in Christ—in fact, Christ is the purpose, the rationale, the agenda. Passages such as Acts 17:22-31, Ephesians 1:1-10, Colossians 1:1-20 and Titus 2:11-14 reveal that God’s agenda or purpose is history-long and worldwide. God has sent his Son Jesus into the world as a man to be the Christ and ruler of a new kingdom, to which redeemed and purified people from every nation (not just Israel) will belong. He has sent his Son to be the king of a new kingdom of God, a new creation, where there is no sin or pain or suffering or decay or death. Summary: God’s agenda is to glorify Jesus the Christ by transferring forgiven rebels like us out of the domain of darkness and into his eternal kingdom. By so doing, He delivers His people – frees them from their bondage to sin, so they can now live under His loving rule without fear of condemnation: free to glorify and enjoy Him forever.” - Tony Payne, *The Course of Your Life**

## Assignments due April 6, 2014

Read [Shiner, \*Union with Christ\*](#)  
Meet and read Col 1:21-2

### 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?

<sup>1</sup> This course is based on Tony Payne, *The Course of Your Life* (Matthias Media, 2011).

## Questions?

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



### Class 4: The Mission of God What is God Doing in the World?

#### Introduction

#### Class Aims:

- Explore four New Testament passages that summarize God’s agenda for the world and our lives.

#### I. Review

#### II. For your \_\_\_\_\_

*“...idolatry is the desire to meet our needs in something or someone – whether that be money, science, education, loved ones, sex, power, ourselves—other than knowing God and relying on what he, in wisdom, has provided for us. Among Christians, this idolatry takes the more subtle form of a syncretism in which we join our allegiance to Christ with some other perceived source of happiness. As a result, we become double-minded adherents to a hybrid “Jesus and” religion. Its prayer goes something like this: “I would be happy if only I had Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with whatever you think will make you happy).”...[this] makes us more miserable than if we had simply abandoned Jesus altogether. A soul divided between the Creator and the created becomes so frustrated that, if this tension is not resolved, the person will self-destruct.” Scott Hafemann, *TGOPATLOF*, p. 38*

**III. Acts 17:22-21**

**IV. Ephesians 1:1-10**

**VI. Titus 2:11-14**

**V. Colossians 1:1-20**