

Our Vision

To faithfully serve in God's plan to restore all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

What does this Vision mean?

Firstly, 'our' vision begins with God. It's not driven by what we want to achieve, or by what we will do, but by what God has done and is doing. Everything that happens in the world is under God's control, and is part of God's perfect plan. We need to acknowledge that, and to work obediently and faithfully within His plan.

What is God's Plan?

God's word in the Bible is the only authority about God and Godly living, and it tells us about God's plan. One passage with a brief explanation of it is in Colossians chapter 1. Colossians 1:15-20 teaches the following about Jesus Christ:

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross."

The Background (vs 15-17)

Colossians 1:15-17 tell us that Jesus is God; that everything was created by Him, and everything was created for Him. He continues to sustain all things, and He is Lord (master) of all. Since everything was created for Christ, to submit to His Lordship, we must recognise that this includes us. We were created by Christ, in order to honour Him with our every thought and action.

However, we have chosen not to put all our actions and thoughts to serving Jesus, but to seek after our own desires. In doing so, we have rejected Him who made us and, to use the words of Colossians 1:17, holds us together.

God's Response (vs 18-20)

God could have simply destroyed the world that turned against Him, but instead verses 18-20 tell us that God is reconciling everything back to Him. Why? According to verse 18, it's so that in all things Christ will be first; in other words, so that Christ will be Lord.

To summarise, the world was created under the Lordship of Christ, it rejected Him, and is being returned to the Lordship of Christ. So, to abbreviate verse 20, God's plan is to restore all things under the Lordship of Christ - as our vision statement affirms.