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行完神的旨意 王國顯



(一)

(弗 1:17) 『求我們主耶穌基督的神，榮耀的父，將那賜人智慧和啓示的靈賞給你們，使你們真知道他 …』

保羅在以弗所書裡有兩個禱告，在第一章的禱告是宣告神的旨意；在第三章的禱告是呼應頭一個禱告，並說出神怎麼完成這旨意。

以弗所書一開始就告訴我們，神在祂榮耀的旨意裡所作成的一件事，就是祂已經把我們帶進聖潔和無瑕疵裡。按著我們的本相，無論如何也不配得這福氣，我們能得著，是神按祂的旨意作成，因為祂是那豐富與榮耀的源頭。

神按照自己的形像和樣式創造亞當，並叫他管理一切，是爲了發表祂的榮耀，彰顯祂的權柄。可惜人的墮落虧缺了神的榮耀和權柄，爲了恢復起初創造的目的，神從罪中把人挽回。神工作的起點是從救人脫離罪和死開始，把人從那不承認神的地位、拒絕神權柄的世界氣氛中分別出來，使祂榮耀的恩典得著稱讚。

神的旨意是甚麼？

『神的旨意』在聖經中多數是以單數出現，人不需要猜測，只要用信心來接受就夠了。(弗 1:9, 10)神揭開了祂旨意的奧秘，就是『一切所有的都在基督裡面同歸於一。』有一

天，曾經悖逆的萬有，都會在基督裡歸於這萬有的源頭，承認神的地位，接受神的權柄。

神如何在基督裡完成這事呢？

(弗 一:12) 先從我們這『首先在基督裡有盼望的人』帶出這事。對我們來說，這是極大而且不容易領會的事，因此，神把聖靈放在我們身上作質（抵押），來保證這必成的事實。

有了這啓示，保羅就爲眾聖徒禱告，求神將那賜人智慧和啓示的靈賞給他們，使他們真知道神，並且照明他們心中的眼睛。人要明白神的旨意，不能單靠頭腦的思想、看書和聽別人講，要有神的啓示；屬靈的事，需要用屬靈的管道，人才有條件接受。啓示就是聖靈把神隱藏著、蓋著的事的蓋子打開，讓人看一看。保羅禱告神，叫他們不單『知道』，而且要『真知道』；在新約聖經裡，『知道』有兩解釋：客觀的知識或主觀的經歷；『真知道』就是同時具備了這兩方面。

真知道甚麼？(弗 一:18-20)

- 1) 祂的恩召有何等指望：神恩典的呼召，叫人從黑暗出光明，從罪人成爲神的兒女…。
- 2) 祂在聖徒中得的基業有何等豐盛的榮耀：神豐盛的榮耀就是祂在眾聖徒中恢復了地位，和實行祂的權柄，使從前失落的復原了。
- 3) 祂向我們這信的人所顯的能力是何等浩大：神浩大的能力曾顯在一個人的身上，就

是祂的兒子耶穌基督，現在同樣的能力要顯在信的人身上，就是那從死裡復活的能力——不單勝過死亡，並且升到天上；不單升到天上，並且得著天上地下所有的權柄。認識復活的能力，在基督的身上是如何，我們才知道神永遠的旨意，在我們的身上是如何。神要基督的經歷和結果成為我們的經歷和結果，人接受這經歷就成全神的旨意。

(二)

弗一:15-23 是保羅第一個禱告。保羅得到啓示，看見神那永遠的旨意，就是『萬有在基督裡同歸於一』。這是神一個很重的意念，所以祂的工作一直沒有停止，為要使萬有恢復到與神有正常的關係，可以發表神的榮耀、尊貴、豐富及能力。為著要完成神的這一個旨意，祂捨棄了自己的兒子，並藉著祂兒子的救贖，召聚一班人，最終目的是人與神完全的聯合，把神的榮耀及豐富擴展，去充滿在萬有之中。

因有這樣的看見，保羅就發出這一個禱告，願眾教會都得著同一恩典、進入同一看見，求神賜下智慧與啓示的靈，叫我們看見因著神兒子所彰顯的那復活大能，我們就得著神，神也得著我們。

死亡是人世間最大的能力，從來沒有人能衝破死亡，然而復活的主，曾為我們進到死地，別人進死亡就沒有出路，但主從死裡復活，掌握了死亡和陰間的鑰匙，把陰間所有的門都打開了，祂打破死亡的權勢，又升到天上，坐在神寶座的右邊。

主在這樣的經歷當中，隱藏了神兒子身份的事實，祂乃是站在人子的地位，完成神的工作。祂以人子的身份，接受神的審判，祂被釘死、埋葬，最後復活，這裡的含意是最榮耀的。天上有否人的地位？(約三:13)告訴我們，除了從天降下、仍舊在天的人子，沒有人升過天。因著人子的升天，天上的門打開了，並恢復了我們屬天的地位。

因著與主聯合，祂怎樣屬天，我們也怎樣屬天，祂被帶到神的右邊，並坐在寶座上。讓我們想一想，寶座祇有一個，祂們怎麼坐？升天的人子，是與父同坐在一椅子上，一同作王。神的心意是要把我們這首先在基督裡有盼望的人，造成像祂兒子一樣，有祂的榮耀、尊貴。神把我們放在主裡面，也把主放在我們裡面，這樣，兒子的經歷，就成為我們的經歷，祂如何，我們也將要如何。

我們是按神的形象和樣式造的，祂把榮耀與權柄放在人的身上，並要我們吃生命樹的果子，可以裡外像祂，能管理一切。

(弗一:22)『又將萬有服在祂的腳下，使祂為教會作萬有之首。』萬有服在祂腳下的目的，是為教會，就是『首先在基督裡有盼望的人』。基督升為至高，教會也升為至高，結果是身體如頭一樣得榮耀，就能相配。身體沒有長成，主不會回來，現今教會要不站潮流，須要面對很多壓力，但壓力越大，教會就越更多的像主，結果是所有的榮耀豐富充滿教會。

(三)

弗三:14-21 是保羅的第二個禱告。他曾經發表了榮耀的異象，就是神的旨意要成就在地上，在祂沒有更動的意念，要叫萬物都同歸於一，這一切都是從在基督裡有盼望的人開始，所以教會是頭一批回到神那裡的。那復活的大能曾在神兒子的身上顯明，並要做在我們身上，使教會成為榮耀的器皿盛裝神的豐富。

以弗所書第二章至第三章的頭一半，說明神如何將復活的大能做在我們身上，我們是與基督一同復活，並一同坐在天上，因為頭如何，身體也要如何，這才是聯接，這不僅是事實，並且在時間上是已經做成的事實，是在蒙恩得救那天開始，已經是神家裡的人了。

第一個禱告是一個宣告：教會是那充滿萬有者所充滿的；第二個禱告是神如何來成全第一個禱告的宣告：便叫神一切所充滿的，充滿了你們。第二個禱告帶出父的觀念，祂是萬有的源頭，萬有也是根據祂的豐富，藉著祂的靈，叫力量剛強起來。求神讓我們知道按父旨意，祂要什麼。讓復活的大能幫助我們照父的定意，作工在我們身上，作成祂所要作的，叫我們裡面的人剛強起來。裡面的人，就是基督的生命，藉聖靈住在我們裡面。我們尋求神的事是靠裡面的人，生活的根據也是那裡面的人，結果是更多知道神自己。

基督是受膏者，祂有先知、祭司與君王的身分。基督住在我們裡面，不是以先知或祭司的身分，因為這些職份已經完成，祂是在我們裡面作君王。基督若作王，在個人方面，我們就當對自己毫無保留，完全揀選神的旨意，並且因信完全順服，結果就在愛上結果子，帶進彼此相愛，眾聖徒同讓基督作頭，這樣才有希望。

所以第二個禱告後的四至六章，乃是說明神作工的實際，神並沒有要我們學很複雜的知識，乃是要我們在實際的生活中讓基督作元首。

(四)

基督在我們裡面作王，基督以我們作家，我們以祂作家主，讓我們可以明白且享受愛的事實。保羅的第二個禱告，替我們指出教會成長之路：從個人到眾聖徒。一個人的時候什麼都好，人多，問題就多，但神不是要人獨居，乃是要我們學弟兄相愛，因為是屬於同一身體，不能分散，必須要配搭起來，活出身體的事實。頭祇有一個，各人有同一個頭，頭是有榮耀尊貴的地位，身體也是一樣，眾人彼此相愛、配搭、聯絡，基督就自然彰顯。

我們要學習的兩件事是：(1) 讓基督作頭：順服（接受主的權柄）；(2) 彼此相愛：相連。所有難處和問題的根源，都是出於『己

』，『己』是虛假、可怕、詭詐的。主很願意回來，但回來做什麼？祂要(1) 迎娶新婦：新婦要裝飾整齊；(2) 建立國度：教會要長成，才能與主作王。但現在新婦有地位、無實際，教會未有作王的條件。若是我們靠自己活出來，就註定失敗，唯有主能作成。但如果我們不讓主作，祂就不作。

(弗 三:20) 『神能照著運行在我們心裡的大力充充足足的成就一切，超過我們所求所想的』。神的工作祇有神能作，我們讓神作，祂就作成。(弗 三:21) 有一個宣告『但願祂在教會中，並在基督耶穌裡，得著榮耀，直到世世代代，永永遠遠。』最後是『阿們』，表示必定成就。這是極大的榮耀，並且是到世世代代，永永遠遠，並且神也得著滿足。

這樣的事實有可能嗎？很可惜在歷史中找不到。這樣，教會有機會成長嗎？20節說：『…成就一切，超過我們所求所想』，神說可以，但條件是教會的實際必須顯出：基督是頭、我們是身體。教會長成的時候，就是主回來的時候，教會長成必須要滿足兩個條件：(1) 得救人數添滿：是量的累積；(2) 教會有基督長成的身量：是質的累積。

關於量的累積，現今教會人數每天增加，所以得救的人終有一天會達到數目。至於質的累積，在啓示錄的七封信中，我們看見神不斷呼召得勝者，來接受基督的豐富。因著眾教會的得勝者，不斷從基督得著豐富，累積在教會的豐富也不斷在增加，所以主回來不是不可能的事。主所指的教會，不是屬於某地方的教會，乃是指那屬靈的教會，例如許多我們沒有見過的聖徒，今天我們仍然在享受他們留下來的豐富。

我們應當作我們所當作的，神會作成祂的旨意，主要我們注意，在教會中，基督是頭，我們要彼此相愛，這樣神就有作工的機會。最後保羅說『阿們』，表明神的旨意要成就。



Having Done the Will of God

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(1)

(Ephesians 1:17) “I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”

Paul had two prayers in the Book of Ephesians. The prayer in chapter 1 proclaimed the Will of God; and the prayer in chapter 3 is the echoing of the first prayer which declares how God completes His Will.

At the beginning of the book, Paul tells us that, in God’s glorious Will, we were chosen to be holy and blameless. According to our nature, we are never worthy of this blessing. We can be in this status solely because this is in God’s Will, and He is the source of riches and glory.

God created man in His own image and likeness. His Will is to have man rule over all things in order to manifest His glory and authority. However man sinned and fall short of the glory and authority of God. In order to re-establish His purpose of creation, God saved man from sin. His work begins with delivering man from sin and death, seperating us from the denying of God’s supremacy and refusing to submit to His authority, so that we might be for the praise of His glory.

What is God’s Will?

“God’s Will” appears in the Bible mostly in singular form. We don’t have to guess but just accept it with faith. In Eph 1:9,10, God make known to us the mystery of His Will, which is “to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, in Christ”. One day, all who once were rebellious, will be brought back together to their origin in Christ. And His supremacy will be recognized and authority respected.

How did God accomplish this in Christ?

(Eph. 1:12) Start with us “who were the first to hope in Christ”. This is so great and incomprehensible to us. Therefore God put the Holy Spirit in us as a gaurantee of the fulfillment.

Since Paul received this revelation, he has not stopped praying for the saints. He asked God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that they may know him better, and also the eyes of their hearts

may be enlightened. For man to understand God’s Will, we need revelation instead of through logic thinking, books or human teaching. Spiritual matter requires a spiritual channel of communication. Revelation is the Holy Spirit uncovering of what is hidden in God, so that man is able to see. Paul prayed that they not only “know”, but “know better”. The word “know” has two meanings in the new testament: the objective knowledge and the subjective experience. To “know better” is to have both.

“Know better” about what? (Eph 1:18-20)

- 1) The hope to which He has called us: God has called us, in His grace, to come out of darkness and enter into light, from sinners to sons of God ...
- 2) The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints: God’s great glory is the recognition of His supremacy among the saints, so they may carry out His authority according to His original purpose.
- 3) His incomparably great power for us who believe: God’s great power has been manifested in one person, His son Jesus Christ. The same power will be manifested in those who believe. This is the power of resurrection – not only can overcome death, but also rise up to heaven, and receive all authority in heaven and on earth. We have to first understand how this power of resurrection is in Christ before we can appreciate how God completes His eternal purpose in us. God wants us to go through what Christ had gone through and experience the same result. The purpose of God will be fulfilled when this experience becomes a reality in man.

(2)

Eph 1:15-23 records Paul’s first prayer. Paul received the revelation about the eternal purpose of God, which is “to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, in Christ”. This is a great burden in God’s mind. Therefore He is continuously working to restore all things into the normal relationship with Him, so that God’s glory, honor, riches and power can be manifested. In order to complete this purpose, He sacrificed His own Son and through the Salvation in Him, a group of people was called to be united with God, to extend the

glory and riches of God to eventually fill all things.

Because of this vision, Paul prayed that, with God's grace, all churches be able to see the same vision. He prayed and asked God for the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to help us see the power of resurrection of His Son, so that we might truly possess Him and He possesses us.

Death is the greatest power on earth and no one has ever come out of it. However our resurrected Lord has entered into death for us. Although no one was able to find their way out, our Lord was raised from the dead and takes hold of the keys of death and hades. He opened up all the doors of the hades, broke away the authority of death, rised up to heaven and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

When He went through all these, the Lord hid from the fact that He is the Son of God. He stood in the position of the Son of Man to accomplish God's work. He was judged as the Son of Man, crucified, buried and resurrected. Indeed there is a glorious meaning behind this. Is there a place for man in heaven? John 3:13 tells us that no one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from there. Because the Son of Man was raised up to heaven, the door to heaven is now opened and our heavenly status is restored.

Being united with God, we have a place in heaven because He is in heaven. He has been brought to the right hand of God and is sitting on the throne. Let us try to figure this out. There is only one throne. How are they going to sit? The Son of Man who was taken up to heaven is sitting on the same throne as the Father, and rule with Him. God's purpose is to mold us, those who were the first to hope in Christ, into the image of His Son which carries His glory and honor. He placed us in the Lord and the Lord in us, so that the experience of the Son will become our experience. What He is today will become what we will be in the future.

We were created in the image and likeness of God. He placed in us His glory and honor, and also wants us to eat from the Tree of Life. As a result, we will be like Him inside and out, and be capable of managing all things.

(Eph 1:22) "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church". The purpose of placing all things under His feet is for the church, "who were the first to hope in Christ". Christ has been exalted to the highest, and so will the church. As a result, the Body will share the same glory as the Head, and become counterparts that match. If the Body is not mature enough, the Lord will not come back. Today if the church refuses to stand in the worldly trend, it will face a lot of pressure. However the greater the pressure, the more we are molded into the image of the Lord. Then the church will be filled with all the glory and riches.

(3)

Eph 3:14-21 records Paul's second prayer. He had described the glorious vision of the unchanging mind of God to complete His purpose of bringing all things together under one head, in Christ. And all these things will start with those who were the first to hope in Christ. Therefore the church is the first to return to God. The power of resurrection has been manifested in the Son of God, and will also work in us so that the church will become a glorious vessel that holds the riches of God.

Ephesians chapter 2 and the first half of chapter 3 describes how God exercise the power of resurrection on us. We were once raised with Christ from the dead, and is sitting with Christ in heaven because whatever happens to the Head happens to the Body since they are joined together. This is not only a fact but a reality. The day we were saved, we are part of the household of God.

The first prayer is a proclamation: the church is the fullness of Him who fills all in all; the second prayer is on how God will complete what the first prayer has proclaimed: you may be filled with all the fullness of God. The second prayer brings out the concept of the Father. He is the origin of all things, and they are made strong based on His richness and through His Spirit. May God show us what the Father wants, and let that Will be done in us through the power of resurrection. May our inner man, who is the life of Christ that abides in us through the Holy Spirit, be strengthened. It

is our inner man that we can rely on when we seek God's Will and live our lives. Then we can know better about God Himself.

Christ is the anointed one. He has the roles of Prophet, Priest and King. When Christ abides in us, He is neither in the role of a prophet nor a priest because these ministries are finished. He is the King in us. Therefore we should not have any reservation for ourselves, but completely choose and obey His Will. The result will be fruitful in love, and thus able to love one another. When all the saints are able to look up to Christ as the Head, there will be hope.

Therefore right after the second prayer, chapter 4 through 6 talk about the practical side of God's work which is simple: let Christ be the Head in our lives.

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Christ being King inside of us, He is part of the household and we look up to Him as the Head of the household. The reality of love can thus be comprehended and enjoyed. Paul's second prayer points out the way on how the church may grow: from individual to all saints. Everything is fine with one person. More problems will arise when there are more people. However God does not want us to live alone, but live together to practice loving one another because we belong to the same Body and can not be separated. We should all work together and live out the reality of a body. There is only one Head and we all have the same Head. The Head is glorious and honorable, and so is the Body. When we are able to love, serve and communicate with each other, Christ will naturally be manifested.

There are two things we should learn: (1) Let Christ be the Head: Obedience (under the Lord's authority); (2) Love one another: interconnected. All troubles are rooted in our "selves". "Self" is untrue, horrible, and deceitful. The Lord is eager to return, but what is He returning for? He wants to (1) receive the Bride: the Bride has to be mature. (2) establish the Kingdom: the church has to be mature to reign with Him. Now the Bride has not live out the reality of what she should be. So the church is still not ready to reign. If we want to live the new life by ourselves, we are doomed to fail. Only the Lord is able to help. However He will wait and do

nothing if we are not willing to let Him work in us.

(Eph 3:20) "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us". Only God can complete His own work. If we are willing to let Him work, it will be done. There is a proclamation in Eph 3:21, "to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" and it ends with "Amen", meaning it will be done. This is indeed a great glory, that is throughout all generations, for ever and ever which will satisfy God.

Is this at all possible? We can not find it in history. Then, would the church be able to grow? Verse 20 says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine ...". God said yes, but the church has to show that: Christ is the Head, we are the Body. When the church is mature, the Lord will return. In order for the church to mature, two conditions have to be satisfied: (1) until the fullness of Gentiles come in: the accumulated quantity; (2) until the church has the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: the accumulated quality.

Regarding the quantity, number is being added daily to the church. Therefore the ultimate number will be reached one day. As for the quality, we can see, from the seven letters in revelation, that God keeps on calling overcomers from the churches to receive His riches. Since there are overcomers from each church that receive riches from God, the accumulated riches in the Church is increasing. The Church that the Lord refers to is not any church on earth, but the Spiritual Church. Today we are still blessed with the riches from the saints that we may have never met.

We should do what we should do, and God will complete His own Will. God wants us to understand that Christ is the head of the church, and we should love one another. Then God will be able to work in us. At the end, Paul said, "Amen", meaning God's purpose will be completed.