

What does God want?

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God created us humans in his image, but his human creation fell into sin.

After the entry of sin, God calls us and seeks to recreate us.

His purpose is to restore relationship.

This is a study and summary of how he works to accomplish his will for re-creation and redemptive relationship.

He Reveals himself so he can be Recognized

The revelation of God focuses on his nature; he wants to be known for who he is, that is, according to his nature.

He wants to be Reverenced and Respected

Those who recognize God in his beauty, glory, and majesty will Respect and Reverence him.

He seeks to Restore human beings, rescuing us from the broken relationship caused by sin

God desires the Restoration of Relationship so that he might be totally available to his creation to do that which only he can do.

The storyline of the Old Testament is that because mankind does not respond to the revelation of God, it is necessary that God Reach down and Rescue his creation through Jesus Christ. God wishes from human creation a Response consistent with his nature.

In Jesus Christ, God became like us to make possible redemption, restoration, reconciliation. Our response of penitent faith (recognition + repentance) allows for us renewed thinking, rebirth, renewal, restoration.

His eternal purpose is to restore RELATIONSHIP (Ephesians 2)

He became like us so we could relate to him, to restore relationship, to make peace

He also makes it possible that we relate to other human beings in healthy relationships

He wants us to REFLECT him (2 Corinthians 3)

God makes possible our transformation so that we can be reflectors of his glory.

God's Ultimate Goal

We will be like him, restored, recreated, reflecting him

We reflect praise, honor and glory to him (as does all his creation)

How?

We will be available for and involved in his purpose, in his Kingdom Work

We will be sensitive and open to his power and presence

We will be responsive to his open doors, guidance

We will be constantly renewed by his love, living in his love, aware of his love