



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.

How will God do this?

Verse 20 tells us that it is through the cross. On the cross, Jesus died to pay the punishment for our rebellion, and to reconcile us back to God. Therefore, all who accept Christ as Lord are no longer condemned before God but are fully justified through His death. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can be confident that He is God, and that He has conquered death.

When will God do this?

Verse 18 tells us that Jesus Christ has already risen, so the success of His plan is already assured. Jesus is already Lord, even though we don't see all creation under God's rule yet. In fact, the restoration won't be complete until we too are raised from the dead like Jesus, the Firstborn from the dead, was. At this time, all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible will submit to His Lordship. Things in heaven and earth will only come together when Jesus returns. At that time 'the heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare' (2 Peter 3:10), and 'we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness dwells' (2 Peter 3:13). God has not brought this renewal yet because He is being patient with people who have not yet trusted in Jesus (2 Peter 3:9).

That explains why we refer to God's plan as being to restore all things under the Lordship of Christ; because all things were created for the Lordship of Christ, rejected His Lordship, and are being returned to it through Jesus' death on the cross.

Why to faithfully serve?

Why does our vision statement say we want to be 'faithful servants' in this plan? There is no sensible alternative because God's plan will succeed no matter what we do. Indeed, v18 tells us that Christ rose from the dead as the first of many, proving that God's plan will succeed.

We are therefore left with a choice. We can choose to serve God faithfully, accepting Him as Lord, and participating in His plan to save the world. Or we can reject the news that Jesus is Lord. If we do this, God's plan will still succeed, but rather than experiencing Jesus' Lordship as His friends, we will experience it as His enemies and face eternal punishment. Each of us needs to make our own decision whether we will submit to Christ's Lordship, become His servant, and receive the salvation He offers through His death on the cross.

At Covenant Christian School, we want to accept His Lordship, and be faithful servants in His plan; His plan to restore all things under the Lordship of Christ.

How can we serve?

This is explained by the mission statement...