

# New Salem Church

## Sermon Outline

Date: Sunday - August 25, 2024

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Speaker: Pastor Jamaal Cox

Sermon Topic: "To the Praise of His Glorious Grace"

Key Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

**Main Point:** **God's purpose is to glorify Himself in all things, which we now receive glory in.**

### Points:

1. What is God up to?
  - a. To unite all things in Him, things in heaven and earth (v. 10)
  - b. According to the riches of His glory (v. 7)
    - i. Purpose of His will (v. 5)
    - ii. According to the riches of His grace (v. 7)
    - iii. According to His purpose (v. 9)
    - iv. According to the counsel of His will (v. 11)
    - v. According to the purpose of Him (v. 11)
  - c. As a plan for the fullness of time (v. 10)
  - d. God has a glorious plan to reconcile everything in Christ. He is executing that plan in every moment of time and space, according to His own wisdom, counsel, and for His own glory.

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2. Is God selfish?
  - a. To the praise of His glorious grace (v. 6)
  - b. To the praise of His glory (v. 12, 14)
  - c. Romans 3:21-26
  - d. 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - e. God, through Christ, has made it so that His glorification is now tied to ours. It is only one way, when He receives glory, we receive glory.
    - i. It does not work the other way.

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3. God's purpose extends to His Church
  - a. Because of Christ, our good is now tied directly to God's glory
  - b. How do we do better, feel better, live better etc.?
    - i. In Him (repeated 10x)
  - c. God's purpose has implications for the Church
    - i. His glorification must be our chief purpose in life
    - ii. God must be central in all that we do as a church

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**My Thoughts/Observations/Questions**

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**Scripture References**

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