

God's Design

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Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)

(Jesus) is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and (Jesus) **upholds** the universe by the word of his power.

The world is slipping into a crazy downward spiral. Therefore, I feel like it is necessary to take a close look at what the Bible says about who we are. So, starting Sept.29, we will be looking at God's Design concerning men, women, marriage, family, divine differences, how God restores HIS design, and most importantly how to communicate God's truth in a loving fashion. Before Sept. 29th we will have a couple of special messages. Today in preparation for this series of messages, I want to discuss the importance of God's design.

God created everything through Jesus and through Jesus everything holds together by HIS Word. The word "Upholds" means "Sustaining" which has a meaning like "carrying along." The idea is that Christ sustains the universe, is behind it all, and keeps it all going as the present participle "Sustaining" indicates. It is as if Jesus would disappear everything would just dissolve. Therefore, being in sync with God's design is very important to live out our God given purpose.

The amazing stability of the created order, God's design, is witness to the "power" behind it.

Colossians 1:17 (ESV)

(Jesus) is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Here Paul makes a similar statement. The Greek word “holds together” (*synestēken*) connotes preservation or coherence. Thus, the Lord who creates the universe also sustains it. That all things “hold together” in Christ means that HE is both the unifying principle and the personal sustainer of all creation. HE is “the principle of cohesion” who makes the universe “a cosmos instead of a chaos”. The verb, again, is in the perfect, indicating that ‘everything’ has held together in HIM and continues to do so. Through HIM the world is sustained, prevented from falling into chaos. No creature is autonomous. All are God’s servants and dependents.

This is even driven home more dramatically in the book of Job.

Job 34:14–15 (ESV)

- ¹⁴ If he should set his heart to it
and gather to himself his spirit and his breath,
¹⁵ all flesh would perish together,
and man would return to dust.

The problem is that we deny God and thus we deny HIS design which leads to chaos and the situations we have today. We can’t even decide who can use the boy and girls’ restrooms.

Romans 1:21 (ESV)

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**Something else is happening which we need to be very aware!
Satan hates God's design!**

1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Satan victory comes by distorting God's design. Our power and success is to operate in our God given design.

2 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you.

To have Power and Authority we have to know our assignment, our area of influence. Within that assignment, area of influence, God gives authority and power. Therefore, our work, home, family, gender, school, and personal difficulties are our assignment, area of influence, where we have authority working through the power of God.

Our view of the Lord, our design, our assignment, and our area of influence impacts our success in every area of our life. We are to reflect God in every action of our lives.

Colossians 3:17 (ESV)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

As we live life, honoring God, we are witnesses that are noticed by the lost world.

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Summary:

#1 Honor Christ as Holy – Live to honor God!

#2 Always being prepared – Know what we believe!

#2 Anyone who asks – Jesus is on the tip of our tongue!

#3 The Hope that is in you – Eternal life, forgiveness!

#4 Gentleness and respect – Empathy, compassion, and respect speaking the love of God letting the breath of God fall on those who unknowingly are stepping eternal destruction.

We should take God's design very seriously. God is the One who hold everything together. Nothing about us is by accident. When we Receive Salvation through Jesus, there also comes an assignment. We need to wake up and move as chosen ones with purpose and in HIS power. We are all in situation in which we are totally incapable of solving or maybe even surviving. God never intended us to solve them alone. God want us to honor Jesus and call upon HIM to powerfully move in our situation. Our difficulties are only opportunities for God to magnifying HIMSELF! We as God's design are perfect for the situation!

Only one way to Jesus!

Ephesians 2:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

With this free gift from Jesus also comes an assignment!

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Prophetic Team

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or
impact the future.***