This is God's declared intention for the whole of creation from the beginning of time to the end of this present age. It is written and reported in His word, the Bible. It is the Christ's living example revealed to us in and by the Holy Spirit in accordance with God's plan, purpose and provision that He instituted in the beginning. We, that is His church are called to implement His plans on earth, we are one church called to defeat one enemy, that is the devil and all his plans. We sometimes forget that Jesus has already defeated satan - the devil at Calvary!

Let us Look at the Beginning.

God the Father had different emotions regarding the Beginning.

Genesis 1 verse 31

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

God is pleased with His Creation.

Genesis 3 verse 8 -24

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat from it'; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

God is displeased with His created beings.

Genesis 6 verse 6

The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

God is sorrowful that He made man and woman.

Genesis 7 verse 23

Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

God removes everything except Noah who was a righteous man. He acts without mercy to all who were affected by sin.

Genesis 11 verse 9

9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

God confuses those who tried to make a way to Heaven. He wants things done according to His plan and purpose. He will have the final word!

Genesis 12 verse 1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; 2 and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

God finds an obedient man, Abraham. He becomes the father of faith. God makes a promise to Abraham and to all families.

History repeats itself today, we still cause Him **anguish** when we are disobedient to Him. We can avoid this anguish when we have a firm foundation.

John 14 verse 5-6

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Jesus is that foundation, He is the way, the truth and the life.

John 2 verse 13-22

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. We can be likened to a house.

2 Corinthians 6 verse 16

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jesus is the head of His church, the body of Christ. We are the temple of the living God.

1 Corinthians 3 verse 11

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Jesus is also the foundation. He is the top and bottom of everything. The roof, our covering and the foundation, our rock on which we stand.

John 14 verse 6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

He is our building plan.

Isaiah 60 verse 18

"Violence will not be heard again in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders; but you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.

John 10 verse 7-9

So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Psalm 100 verse 4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Jesus is the walls of the house and its door and gate. He is also our Salvation and our praise.

John 8 verse 12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

Jesus is the window, the light of the world.

Something else to bear in mind.

John 15 verse 16-17

16 You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. 17 This I command you, that you love one another.

The first part of the two verses is the grace of God, He chose us and appointed us, He gave to us His authority.

The second part gives us a choice on how we are to live our lives if we are to receive all that abundant life that is only possible in His name. That is to say we are to do things, live our lives in Him, His way. This is our option, our choice. Thirdly we are commanded to love each other, which means that we forgive one another and repent of resentments and wrong attitudes to one another.

Galatians 5 verse 22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. We are to walk in the Spirit, this is a command. The fruit of the Spirit is listed in the scripture above.

Romans 14 verse 16-17

Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5 verse 16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Hebrews 4 verse 12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

His word will cut across our natural thoughts and we will not always like what He says.