

LAUSANNE COVENANT CHAPTER ONE

THE PURPOSE OF GOD

List of Cited Scripture: Matt. 28:19, Isa. 40:28; Eph. 1:11; Acts 15:14; John 17:6, 18; Eph 4:12; 1 Cor. 5:10; **Rom. 12:2**; **2 Cor. 4:7**

Observation: Chapter One's first sentence describes the traditional Christian Trinity.

LC Quote: "We affirm our belief in the one-eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of his will."

Interpretation: The framers of the Lausanne Covenant (LC) defined the one-eternal God to be the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, traditionally known as the Trinity.

Ironically, however, the Trinity is preceded by the phrase, "Lord of the world." From this we can see it is necessary to add this phrase in order to describe the complete fullness of God of Creation, who created, not only heaven, but also human life on earth in His own image and likeness.

The word "Trinity" is insufficient. Missing is recognition of God's first attribute—EVEning, *mother of all the living* on earth—all mankind.

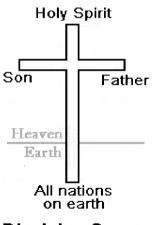
Cited Scripture: Mat 28:19 ASV

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit:

Observation: The Great Commission of Christianity is embodied in this verse, where the resurrected Jesus Christ instructed his disciples to spread his teachings to *all the nations*. As a tenet of Christian theology, Jesus' instruction emphasizes evangelism to all nations, which anchors the theme of the Lausanne Covenant. According to the previous introduction, the Covenant members:

LC Quote: "We are determined by his grace to obey Christ's commission to proclaim it to <u>all mankind</u> and to make disciples of every nation."

Interpretation: Matthew 28:19 is the primary anchor for the erroneous Christian tenet that God is only a three-way Trinity, since Father, Son, and Holy Spirit total three. But a true count of the entities in this verse must include humanity as "all Nations", or "all mankind", at the foot of the Cross of God with a total of FOUR attributes. It is ironic the verse that is the main theme of the Lausanne Covenant actually includes a complete description of God of the 4-way Cross. That is why the hypocrisy of the Lausanne Covenant (rejection of the 4-way God of the Cross yet use the cross as a symbol of identity) is so great.



Disciples Cross

Jesus preached the four-way Cross of God. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 10:38 ASV:

And he that doth not take his cross and follow after me, isn't worthy of me.

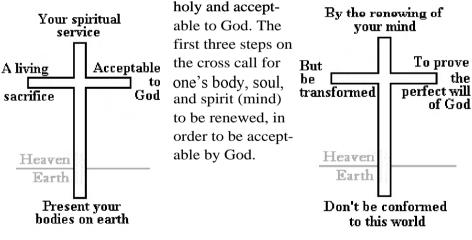
That is to say, a human who does not know the cross of God as God of the Cross, cannot *take his cross* of God, and therefore, isn't worthy of Jesus. In other words, no salvation.

Cited Scripture: Romans 12:2 (WEB)

1. Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. 2. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God. (Rom 12:1-2)

Observation: Unlike the Church, but like Jesus, the Apostle Paul preached four steps of the cross. Paul begins the sixth theme of Romans, WHERE is righteousness practiced: with ourselves. (pg lviii) He then uses four steps of the cross to explain the above beginning two verses—there must be a sacrifice of the body on the "Cross of Sacrifice" before transformation of the soul on the "Transformation Cross."

Interpretation: Paul called the brothers in Rome to present their bodies at the foot of the cross as a living sacrifice, and spiritual service to be



Cross of Sacrifice

Transformation Cross

Paul again used the cross to teach three steps of transformation. The body must not to be conformed to this world, but the soul transformed (reborn), and the spirit renewed (reborn Pg L) to prove the perfect will of God, according to His perfect image—EVEning, Morning, and Day.