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as far as you can see to be far less successful. The vital thing is that we determine to do the utmost we can to advance His work and make our lives count for Him.

No. 4 was you have a part in His plan. No. 5 is at least equally important perhaps more so, you are a part of His plan. This is a matter is that many Christians loose sight of, but it is teemendously important, and I wish that every one of our group could have in mind during this summer and during the coming days. Not only can you have a part in God's plan, you are a part of His plan. God can do His work without you if He chooses so to do. He is kind enough to let you have a part of His work. But you are an essential and vital part of His plan. This is the will of God even your sanctification. God brought us into His kingdom, not simply that we could sit there and say Isn't this wonderful through all eternity. He brought us in and justifies us immediately, but our sanctificat~~ion~~^{ion} has a very long way to go. God created us in order that we might become the sort of individuals that He wants us to be. In Rom. 8:5-6 we read, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit do mind the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." How many/^aChristians, saved through Christ, is nevertheless Our thoughts carnally minded. are on earthly things instead of on heavenly things. Jesus commands us to set our affections on things above. His great purpose in individuals as He wants them to be We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. It is His purpose that we should be conformed to the image of His Son; that He should be what He wants us to be in every regard. Col. 1:22-23 is often misunderstood. I incline to believe that the verse is here talking about real Christians. I do not think that that it is ~~simply~~ simply saying That is so obvious. His purpose is to present us holy, unblameable, and unreprouable. How are we