



GOD'S STORY

HOW THEN TO LIVE?

(Final review & application)

God's Great Goal

**...to dwell among a redeemed people
who delight in and display His glory
throughout the earth!**

1. What Have We Learned?



***“Salvation is not mostly a matter of relocation;
it is a matter of transformation.***

***It does not consist primarily of ending up in
the right place,
but being made into
the right person.”***

(John Ortberg)



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PROLOGUE: the NEED for Salvation (Gen. 1-11)



ACT I: the PREPARATION for Salvation

Scene 1: God prepares a people

- *God builds a nation*

Scene 2: God pursues His people

- *God splits & then scatters His nation*

Scene 2: God prepares His people for
Messiah

- *God restores the nation*



ACT II: the PROVISION & PROCLAMATION of Salvation*

Scene 1: God purchases a people

**Scene 2: God preserves and multiplies His
people**

***Epistles = the *Explanation* and
Application of Salvation**



ACT III: the CONSUMMATION of Salvation

**God vindicates, gathers,
and dwells among His people,
in fulfilling His great goal!**



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