

Explain:

Act 17:26-27 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, (27) that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

one man NAS, ESV, NIV
one blood KJV
NKJV notes “blood” missing in text

no difference in blood by ethnic background
although there are different compatibilities
(types) within all ethnic groups

allotted periods and the boundaries

God rules over the nations and no one nation has the right over any area or boundary.

It would also indicate that God allowed men to go to other places – outer space/planets – when they develop the technology to do so.

that they should seek God

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Rom 10:14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent?

and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.

Act 17:28-29 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' (29) "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

*and perhaps feel their way toward him and find
him*

It is our job to go and preach (Mt 28.19-20) and it is the responsibility of those who hear to obey.

He is there but man must seek.

2Th 1:8-9 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Is this the purpose of creation?

Yes – we are in a war to demonstrate *his eternal power to the authorities in the heavenly places*

Eph 3:9-11 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; (10) so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. (11) This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Are there those of God's creation who will seek and serve Him without reward on earth?

Satan's answer is no!

Job 1:9-11 Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? (10) "Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. (11) "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."

Job 2:3 The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause."

Again God and Satan talk of the battle

Job 2:4-6 Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. (5)

"However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face." (6) So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

Some men will say, but I haven't done anything truly evil. God's question is, have you sought me and served me – if not, you are on Satan's side!

Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Was it always part of God's plan to send Jesus?

Heb 10:11-14 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; (12) but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, (13) waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. (14) For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

That's exactly what an earlier verse we studied said.

Eph 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Why made it necessary for God to send Jesus to go to the cross?

We were made free moral agents.

Jos 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Rom 9:18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Anyone can resist His will if we are free moral agents, making our own choices.

If we are not free moral agents, then there is no purpose to our existence!

Then why does God allow these choices, knowing some will do evil?

Because of the battle – will anyone serve God or will all follow the things of this world?

Heb 9:18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

What was the first covenant?

Heb 8:13 In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 8:6-9 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. (8) For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, (9) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

The first covenant then is the Law of Moses v. 9
given at Mt. Sinai. Ex 24:3-11 or Deu 5.2-3

It is not the covenant made with Abraham. Gen
15.18 – the land

It is not the covenant made with Noah Gen 6.18;
9.13 – the rainbow

It is not the covenant of circumcision Gen 17.9
with Abraham's descendants

Col 2:11-14 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, (12) having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. (13) And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, (14) by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Baptism is the token of the our covenant with the Lord and those who have not been baptized have not been raised with Him and God has not made you alive together with him nor has he forgiven you all your trespasses.

Col 2.12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

