

The Purpose of Life

What is the meaning of life?

- In order to understand the meaning, or the purpose of life, we have to ask the One that created us why we exist.
- Ex of water cups and things.

Why did God create people?

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- The fullness of time – indicates that there was a predetermined time.
- There has been a plan from the beginning.
- That plan was to redeem people
- Why? To receive the adoption

We were created to be children of God.

Our purpose is to be the sons and daughters of God.

- **Ephesians 1:3-6** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.
- We were chosen. We were predestined. In other words- this is our reason for existing. This is our destiny. The purpose of life.

This was so important to God that the cross had to happen.

- **Hebrews 12:2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- The cross was not the joy.
- We are that joy.

Romans 8:29–30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

- Jesus would be the first among many to be reborn. He is the firstborn. But He died and was raised to life.
- So we too die and are raised to life when we put our faith in Him. When we receive His gift of life.
- We were predestined – Predestined for what? To become His children.
- We were all called. God has called everyone to salvation.
 - **1 Timothy 2:3-4** For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 - **John 6:44** No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.
- Not everyone answers the call. Paul here is writing to believers. So they did answer.
- Those that answer the call, He justifies. Makes righteous.
 - **Romans 3:23-26** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in

His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- We have all sinned
- Jesus was sent to trade His righteousness for our sin. In doing so, He justifies us.
- And finally, we are glorified – Even though this is written in past tense – it is our future inheritance.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- In Christ we are made completely new. All old things are passed away
- We are reconciled to God
- Our sins are not counted against us
- He gave us the righteousness of God

But it says "**we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.**"

The way to fulfill your purpose in life – choose to become a Son or daughter of God.

1 John 3:1-2 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know

us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

- Can you imagine the love that is freely given to us, that even in our sinful state God would be willing to make us sons and daughters?

So how do we live out our purpose?

Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

- Be led of the Spirit.
- Walk in the Spirit
- Listen to God.

What about my calling?

This is how you return affection to God.

We often talk about serving God. But in reality, our purpose is simply to be. Be His children. Where does serving come in? Well, that's our calling. And it tends to look like serving others.

Our calling is the way we respond to the love of God.

When we are so filled with His love, we will overflow. And we will desire, or be called, to do something.

Your calling may change. Your purpose does not.

