

The Purpose of Life

Why did God create?

God Created All Things For His Pleasure. They exist for his benefit and pleasure

- Revelation 4:11, Colossians 1:16

God often times will create beings and deprive them of certain things

- Job 39:13-17, Exodus 4:11

- He made man a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:4-5)

God created man in his image and after his likeness (Genesis 1:26)

Why did God make man different? Why did he make man in his image?

We know the angels are just spirits (Psalm 104:4)

Beasts (Animal Creation) have bodies and souls (life), but not a spirit that can commune with God (Genesis 1:30)

Man, unlike the rest of all God's creation has a Body, Soul, and Spirit. We are three in one, just like God is three in one.

Body

The part of you that interacts with the physical realm (sight, smell, hearing, taste, touch)

Soul

Conscience, reason, imagination, will, feelings, memory, affections (It is the You, Me, I)

- It is eternal, Invisible

Spirit

The part that interacts with the spiritual realm (These are matters of faith, hope, prayer, worship, and communion with God)

- God is a Spirit and you must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:22-24)

- Your spirit is dead from birth (Genesis 2:17, Genesis 5:3, Ephesians 2:1); That is why men need to be born again (John 3:3-8, Titus 3:4-5, Colossians 3:10, 2 Corinthians 4:16)

- Invisible

Because of our nature, we can have fellowship and commune with God. This was God's intent from the beginning: for man to have fellowship with his God and enjoy the pleasure of his company.

We find from Genesis 2 and 3, that God planted a garden for Adam to work in (Genesis 2:15)

God standing by Adam, brought the creatures he made before Adam, to see what he would name them, and that was their name (Genesis 2:18-19)

God made a woman out of the hole in his side to be a companion and help meet for him (Genesis 2:20-25)

God, Adam and Eve must have had a regular daily walk planned to talk and spend time together (Genesis 3:8)

After man sinned, that closeness they once had with God ended. They were thrown out from the garden, and God sent Cherubims and a Flaming Sword to keep them from eating the tree of life.

Paradise was lost.

Over 235 years passed from the time Adam sinned till Enos, Seth's son was born, until men began to call upon the name of the LORD (Genesis 4:26).

Jumping ahead to the future.

God's purpose for man has not changed. After a short 7,000 years, God recreates a new heaven and earth where he ONCE AGAIN has fellowship with man and ONCE AGAIN man sees his face!!!!!!

We are to seek the LORD and find him

First thing's first, find God, for he is a God that hides himself (Isaiah 45:15). He hides himself from man because of man's sin (Isaiah 59:1-2).

We are told to seek the Lord while he may be found (Isaiah 55:6-7)

He can be found now (Acts 17:22-27)

He does not turn away ANY that come to him (John 6:37)

A fallen man seeking the Lord is likened unto a blind man feeling for him in the darkness (Genesis 27:12, 21, Judges 16:26). That is also why Jesus said no man can come unto me except the Father draw him (John 6:44). Jesus said while he was in the world, he was the light of the world (John 9:5). Now that he has ascended back up to the throne of God, we are now the lights of the world (Matthew 5:14). That is why we are told to be lights in this world for these people, to help them see Jesus. Jesus said if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into a ditch (Luke 6:39). What you need is someone that can see to lead you to the Lord, that he may heal you from your blindness.

How do you find the Lord? Through Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:27). When a man repents and believes on Jesus Christ, he is saved and given the promise of the Holy Ghost. Now God can fellowship with that man again, which was his original purpose. Now man can worship and serve God, which was his original purpose.

We are to Please God and Glorify him

We are to please God with our life (Colossians 1:9-11)

How do we please God?

There are a multitude of things in the Bible that God plainly says please him. Some of them are:

1. Obedience to parents (Colossians 3:20)
2. Speaking the gospel (I Thessalonians 2:4; I Corinthians 1:21)
3. Uprightness (I Chronicles 29:17-22; Proverbs 14:2)
4. Fearing him (Psalm 147:11)
5. Praising God in song and magnifying him with thanksgiving (Psalm 69:30-31)
6. Blessing Israel (Numbers 24:1)
7. A repentant, remorseful heart (Psalm 51:17, 34:18; Isaiah 57:15, 66:2)
8. With the sacrifice of the righteous (Psalm 51:19)
9. Not entangling yourself with the affairs of this life (2 Timothy 2:4)
10. To do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with God (Micah 6:6-8)
11. Walking with God (Hebrews 13:16; Genesis 5:21-24, Amos 3:3)
12. When we ask for discernment between good and evil and an understanding heart (I Kings 3:5-14)
13. Your faith is a prerequisite for pleasing God (Hebrews 11:6)

We are to Glorify God:

We are to glorify God with our body and spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
EVERYTHING we do should be to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Jesus said this, as the Father hath sent me, so send I you (John 20:21).

Towards the end of Christ's life, he said this (John 17:4).

We are to glorify God on this earth (that is why we are still here). We are to finish the work God gave each of us to do, whatever that may be (Colossians 4:17). Enjoy your portion in this life (Ecclesiastes 3:22) that God gave you. Don't worry about other people's portions.