

## Why are we here?

### I. Introduction-

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### II. Who defines my purpose on earth?

#### A. Life without a God or a plan-

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Judges 17:6  
Their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people. Rom 1:22

#### B. God is in control and defines my purpose on earth-

The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Ps 103:19  
Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Eph 1:4  
You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. <sup>17</sup> How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!  
Ps 139:13

God= the supreme or ultimate reality

The Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness who is worshipped as creator and ruler of the universe  
Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. Rom 1:19

#### C. God gives proof for His existence and the supernatural nature of the bible-

They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>29</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Rom 1:19  
You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. I Pet 3:15

#### D. Understanding all that God is doing is not possible-

My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Isa 55:8

### III. God's general purpose for all of us-

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! <sup>34</sup> For who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? <sup>35</sup> And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? <sup>36</sup> For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen. Rom 11:33  
And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Rom 12:1

#### A. Know God personally-

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus. I Tim 2:3  
Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. Phil 3:8  
Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Mat 22:37

#### B. To learn about God, His truth, His ways and His life-

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, <sup>3</sup> now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. I Pet 2:2  
All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. II Tim 3:16

#### C. To be holy like Jesus-

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup> Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Eph 4:21  
We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Eph 2:10

Our maturity is Jesus will determine our capacity to carry out God's plan for us here on earth-

#### D. Be ambassadors for Christ-

God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God! II Cor 5:19

### IV. Find God's specific purpose for lives-

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#### A. Love and seek God in all we do-

Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart's desires. <sup>5</sup> Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. Ps 37:3  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Prov 3:5

#### B. Trust God to do His part-

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20  
For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Phil 2:13  
I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Phil 1:6  
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