

Living with Purpose

Do you feel like religion is *just* sitting in a pew or bible class a certain amount of time each week?

God tells us this kind of religion is worthless!

James 1:21-27

Am I Called To His Purpose?

- **2Thess 2:13-15** *"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle."*
- **Romans 8:28** *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

Am I God's Workmanship?

- **The children of God are His workmanship**
 - **Eph 2:10** *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*
- **Yet, these were the devil's workmanship**
 - **John 8:44** *"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."*

Jesus' Purpose Was The Cross

- **John 12:27** *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour."*
- **1Cor 15:3-4** *"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"*
- **Rom 1:16** *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."*

What Is Our Purpose?

- **Luke 9:23** *"Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*
- **Is 6:8** *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me.""*
- **Luke 10:2** *"Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*
- **1Cor 15:58** *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

Created For Good Works

- **Eph 2:10** *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*
- **2Tim 3:16-17** *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

An Easy Yoke & A Light Burden

- **Matt 11:28-30** *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*
- **Matt 23:2-4** *"The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."*

Endurance Perfects Us

- **Heb 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."*
- **1Pet 5:10** *"But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."*
- **James 1:2-4** *" My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*

Love God

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- **The first great commandment**

- **Matt 22:37-38**

- **Love God and put his words in your heart**

- **Deut 6:4-9**

- **In everything be thankful to God**

- **1Thess 5:16-18**

- **Enjoy your place with God always**

- **Phil 4:4 *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"***

Love Your Neighbor

- The second great commandment
 - Matt 22:39-40
 - His commands are not burdensome
 - 1 John 4:20-5:5
 - Fulfill the law of Christ
 - Gal 6:1-10
 - Love without hypocrisy
 - Romans 12:9-21

God Given Purpose

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- Time for Every Purpose

- Ecc1 3:1-8

- Beautiful In It's Time

- Ecc1 3:9-13

- The Whole of Man

- Ecc1 12:13

- Use Your Gifts

- Romans 12:1-8