

Purpose In Life

- Evidence
- Things To Remember

Life is too short, to live without purpose.

The Bible says,

- “whereas ye know **NOT** what shall be on the morrow. For **WHAT is your life?** It **IS** even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” ([Jas.4:14](#))

Where Did We Come From?

Why are we here?

Where are We Going?

There is,

I. Evidence

...That There Is To Be “*Purpose In Life*”, which will be the title of the lesson.

A. God has Always Acted on Purpose.

- [Eph.3:10-11](#) reads, “to the intent that now, unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church, the manifold wisdom of God,
¹¹ according to the eternal **PURPOSE**, which He **PURPOSED IN Christ** Jesus our Lord:”
- “Who hath saved us, and called us, with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own **PURPOSE** and grace, which was given us **IN Christ** Jesus before the world began,” ([2Tim.1:9](#))

B. Christ had a Definite Purpose.

- He said, “Lo, **I COME**, to **DO Thy will**, O God.” ([Heb.10:7](#))
- “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this **PURPOSE** the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” ([1Jn.3:8](#))
- “For the Son of man is **COME** to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** that which was lost.” ([Lk.19:10](#))

C. We humans (the created of God), must be here for a **PURPOSE** also.

...To use all that God has given us.

- God said in the beginning, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and **Have DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” ([Gen.1:28](#))

But Chiefly, our **Purpose**, is to have fellowship with Deity.

- An apostle said, “that which we have seen and heard, **DECLARE** we unto you, that ye also may **have FELLOWSHIP** with us: and truly our **FELLOWSHIP** is **WITH** the Father, and **WITH** His Son Jesus Christ.” ([1Jn.1:3](#))

When it comes to our "Purpose In Life", we have,

II. Many Things, We Need To Remember

God is the creator of mankind, we therefore,

A. Have A God To Glorify.

- God said, "I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." ([Isa.43:7](#))

We have a God to, Honor, Respect, Worship, and Reverence.

- "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **FEAR God, and KEEP His commandments:** for this is the **WHOLE** of man." ([Ecc.12:13](#))
- "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may **SERVE God acceptably with REVERENCE and godly FEAR:**" ([Heb.12:28](#))

We Have a God to Serve (in all we do), with our Body, Money, and Words.

- "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye **DO**, do **ALL** to the **GLORY** of God." ([1Cor.10:31](#))
- "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: **that God in ALL things may be GLORIFIED** through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." ([1Pet.4:11](#))

When it comes to "Purpose In Life", There are Things We Should Remember, such as...

B. We Have A Savior To Exalt.

- Paul said, "according to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also **Christ shall be MAGNIFIED in my body**, whether it be **by LIFE**, or **by DEATH**." ([Phil.1:20](#))

We should **EXHALT** our Savior, **As the only hope for the lost.**

- As the Bible says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." ([Acts 4:12](#))

We should **EXHALT** our Savior, **As Head of the church.**

- "which He wrought **IN** Christ, **WHEN** He raised Him from the dead, and **SET** Him at His own right hand **IN** the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" ([Eph.1:20-21](#))
- "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the HEAD of the church:** and He is the **SAVIOUR of the body (or church).**" ([Eph.5:23](#))

We should **EXHALT** our Savior, **As Supreme Authority.**

- As the Bible says, "whatsoever ye **DO**, in **WORD** (that is teaching) or **DEED** (that is practice), **DO ALL** in the **Name** of the Lord Jesus (that is, by His authority), giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." ([Col.3:17](#))

We should **EXHALT** our Savior, **As the final Judge.**

- "because He hath appointed a day, in the which **He will JUDGE the world in righteousness** by that man Whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." ([Acts 17:31](#))

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C. We Have A Gospel To Teach.

- Paul told Timothy, "the things that thou hast **HEARD** of me among many witnesses, the same **COMMIT** thou to **FAITHFUL** men, who shall be **ABLE to TEACH** others also." (2Tim.2:2)

The Gospel, is God's Power to Save.

- Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the **GOSPEL of Christ**: for it is the **POWER of God unto SALVATION** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (or gentile)." (Rom.1:16)
- "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **RECEIVE** with meekness the **engrafted WORD**, which is able to **SAVE your SOULS**." (Jas.1:21)

The Gospel needs to be taught, because it is Profitable.

- "**All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **PROFITABLE** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2Tim.3:16)

- Paul said, "I marvel that ye are **so soon REMOVED** from Him that called you **INTO** the grace of Christ, unto **ANOTHER gospel**:⁷ which is not another;

but there be some that **TROUBLE** you, and would **PERVERT** the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But though **we** (that is, the apostles), or **an angel** from heaven, **preach ANY OTHER gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, If **any man** preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be ACCURSED**." (Gal.1:6-9)

Jesus said,

- "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (Jn.4:35)

Many do not make opportunity, but Paul did...

- Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.
¹⁵ So, as much as in me is, **I am READY to PREACH the GOSPEL to you**," (Rom.1:14-15)

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D. We Have A World To Overcome.

- “we know that we are **OF** God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.” ([1Jn.5:19](#))
- “For whatsoever is **born OF God**, **OVERCOMETH** the world: and this is the victory, that **overcometh the world**, even **our FAITH** (...to do what God instructs).” ([1Jn.5:4](#))

To overcome the world, we must have enough Faith to DO what God tells us to do, through His Word.

- To OVERCOME the world, we must be BORN OF GOD ([1Jn.5:4](#)).
- To be born of God, has to do with being BORN OF WATER ([Jn.3:3-5](#)), which involves Baptism.

If one is to overcome the world, they’ll need to accept the significance of Baptism in one’s soul salvation.

Please listen carefully,

IF BAPTISM,

- **SAVES** ([1Pet.3:21](#); [Mk.16:16](#); [Col.2:12](#))
LIKE the blood of Christ ([Eph.1:7](#); [1Pet.1:18-20](#))
- Provides **Remissions of sins** ([Acts 2:38](#))
LIKE the blood of Christ ([Matt.26:28](#))
- **Washes away sins** ([Acts 22:16](#)) or **Cleanses** ([Eph.5:26](#))
LIKE the blood of Christ ([Rev.1:5](#))
- **IS** in the likeness of the **Death, Burial** and **Resurrection** ([Rom.6:3-9](#); [Col.2:12-13](#))
LIKE the Gospel of Christ ([1Cor.15:1-4](#))

IF Baptism,

- **Changes** one’s **Relationship** ([Rom.6:16-18](#) → [Rom.6:3-5](#))
- Gives right to **Wear Christ’s Name** ([1Cor.1:10-13](#); [Acts 11:26](#); [Acts 4:12](#))
- Brings **Newness of Life** ([Rom.6:4](#)), because of A **New Spiritual Birth** ([Jn.3:3-5](#))
- IS for **Sanctification** ([Eph.5:26](#))

IF Baptism,

- IS **INTO** Christ ([Rom.6:3](#); [Gal.3:26-27](#))
And IF **IN** Christ , then a **New Creature** ([2Cor.5:17](#))
And **ALL Spiritual Blessings** exist only **IN** Christ ([Eph.1:3](#)), which means ZERO blessings **OUT**side of Christ.

IF Baptism,

- IS **INTO** One **Body** ([1Cor.12:13](#)), the **church** ([Col.1:18,24](#)) or **Kingdom** ([Jn.3:3-5](#)) **OF** Christ ([Rom.16:16](#))

IF Baptism DOES all of these things, for the soul of mankind,

WHAT is one’s spiritual **CONDITION** with**OUT** Baptism?

A very sobering question to contemplate, **IF** one is to **OVERCOME** the world.

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E. We Have An Influence To Exercise.

- That we "may adorn the doctrine (or teaching) of God our Saviour, in **ALL** things." ([Titus 2:10](#))

F. We Have A Friend To Win.

- The Bible says that Andrew, "first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.
⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

And when Jesus beheld him, He said,
Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas,
which is by interpretation, A stone." ([Jn.1:41-42](#))

G. We Have A Brother or Sister To Edify.

- "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for **PEACE**, and (follow after the) things wherewith one may **EDIFY** another." ([Rom.14:19](#))

H. We Have Spiritual Growth To Achieve.

- "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and **ALL** evil speakings,
² **AS** newborn babes, **DESIRE** the sincere milk of the **Word**, that ye may **GROW** thereby:" ([1Pet.2:1-2](#))

I. We Have A Spiritual Conviction To Develop.

- Paul said, "what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss
for the excellency of the **KNOWLEDGE** of Christ Jesus my Lord:
for whom I have suffered the loss of all things,
and do count them but dung, that I may **WIN** Christ," ([Phil.3:7-8](#))

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J. We Have A Determination To ENLARGE.

- Paul said, "neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might **FINISH** my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." ([Acts 20:24](#))

We should have Determination to stand alone, AND together.

- Paul was, "set for the defence of the gospel." ([Phil.1:17](#))

Then he said 10 verses later in [Phil.1:27](#),

- "Let your conversation (that is your manner of living) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind **striving TOGETHER** for the faith of the gospel;"

Determination Requires deep, abiding faith.

- So we should "be **strong IN** the Lord, and **IN** the **power** of **HIS** **Might**." ([Eph.6:10](#))
- "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **FORGETTING** those things which are **behind**, and **REACHING FORTH** unto those things which are **before**,
¹⁴ **I PRESS TOWARD** the **mark**,
for the **PRIZE**, of the **high CALLING** of God, **IN** Christ Jesus." (Paul said in [Phil.3:13-14](#))

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K. We Have A Soul To Save.

- "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose **his own soul**? or what shall a man give in exchange **for his soul**?" ([Matt.16:26](#))

Our fleshly bodies, will soon perish.

- "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the **INWARD man is renewed day by day.**" ([2Cor.4:16](#))
- "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" ([Heb.9:27](#))
- "Fear not them which kill the body, but are **NOT** able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." ([Matt.10:28](#))

We have a few days to seek, saving Truth.

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L. We Have A Redeemer To Meet.

- "For our conversation (or citizenship) is **IN** heaven; from whence also **we LOOK for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**" ([Phil.3:20](#))
- Jesus "often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world, hath He appeared to put away sin, by the sacrifice of Himself.
²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
²⁸ so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that LOOK for Him, shall He appear the second time**" ([Heb.9:26-28](#))

The **negligent** and **unprepared**, will meet Him;

- As the Bible says, "He that **REJECTETH** Me, and **receiveth NOT** My Words, hath one that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." ([Jn.12:48](#))

Likewise, those who are **prepared**, will meet Him also.

- "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead **IN** Christ shall rise first:
¹⁷ then, we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
¹⁸ **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**" ([1Thess.4:16-18](#))

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We Have A Preparation To Make.

Through...

- **Believing** ([Jn.8:24](#); [Heb.11:6](#)),
- **Repenting** ([Lk.13:3](#); [Acts 17:30](#); [2Pet.3:9](#); [1Jn.1:9](#); [Jn.8:11](#)),
- **Confessing** ([Acts 8:37](#); [Matt.10:32-33](#); [Rom.10:9-10](#)),
- Being **Baptized** INTO Christ ([Gal.3:26-27](#); [Rom.6:3-5](#); [Mk.16:16](#); [1Pet.3:21](#); [Acts 22:16](#))
- And Remain **Faithful** ([Rev.2:10](#)), or **Endure** until the end ([Matt.24:13](#))?

III. IN-CLOSING

Let us work at, all of this, with resolute **PURPOSE**.

- In the first century, those that, “had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that **with PURPOSE of heart, they would CLEAVE unto the Lord.**” ([Acts 11:23](#))

The soul that we save, may be our own.

So, we should never forget that we have “**Purpose In Life**”.

- “To day, if ye will **HEAR** His voice, harden **NOT** your hearts,” ([Heb.3:15](#))

The Lord invites you, and we await to assist you.

Please COME, as together we stand and sing.

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