

PATHWAY TO PEACE: BIBLE STUDY GUIDE – LESSON 3

Lesson 3: Source and Purpose of Life: Part 2

Are you living out your true purpose in life? Do you know why you were born on this earth for such a time as this? Do you really know and understand your true purpose in life? What is your purpose for living? If you do not know and understand your true purpose in life or the reason why you were born, you are not alone. Did you know that there are millions of people on this earth who have no idea what their true purpose is? There are millions of people who live aimless lives reaching for nothing with no real hope, peace, or happiness. The life for many is just a little more than mere existence. When you know and understand your true purpose in life, it will control or influence every decision that you make in life. Living within your purpose will determine where you live, what you eat, what you wear... It will determine how you talk, or what you listen to... Your purpose will determine who you date, who you marry, what school you go to, the area of study, the type of work you do, and many other life decisions. In other words, your purpose drives your decisions. And your decisions determine your destiny. Do you really want to have true purpose in your life? Or do you want to have a clearer understanding of your purpose? Did you know that the Bible, the Word of God clearly reveals your true purpose in life.

1. What is the definition of the word “purpose”?

Go to any standard dictionary

Write Answer:

According to any standard dictionary the word “purpose” is defined as “An anticipated outcome that guides your planned actions. So “purpose” is simply an aim or a goal. Very good. Remember, your aim, goal or purpose drives your decisions. And your decisions determine your destiny. Again your purpose drives everything you do, and it gives true meaning to your existence. Amen.

2. So why did God create this earth, universe, and every living things? In other word what is the purpose of God’s creation?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Psalm 19:1

Write Bible Answer:

To “declare” means to “announce” or “proclaim” something. The heavens created by God announce or proclaim the glory or magnificence of the all powerful and divine God. **So in essence it is clear that the purpose of God’s creation is to proclaim the glory of God.** The reason why flowers bloom is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why the grass grows is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why a rooster crows, is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why birds sing is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why fish swim is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why mountains peak above the clouds is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why the sun, moon, stars, and this earth hang in the midst of space is to proclaim the glory of God. The reason why God created every single thing on this earth is to proclaim the glory, splendor, power, and magnificence of God – our only Creator.

3. Why did God create you? What is His purpose for your life?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Isaiah 43:7; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Write Bible Answer:

Every one that is called by God's name or everyone that believes in God and are connected to Him though faith is given a well defined purpose. The same reason why God created everything on this earth is the same reason why He created you. You were created for the purpose to proclaim the glory of God. Why, because God, created you. It's that simple. So according to the Bible, your life's purpose is to glorify God. We are not created to glorify ourselves or others. God only created us to glorify Him.

4. What is "glory"?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Exodus 33:18, 19; Exodus 34:5 – 7; Psalm 97:6; 1 John 4:16

Write Bible Answer:

It is clear from the Bible that glory only belongs to divinity. If anybody receives glory outside of God, it is blasphemy. Moses asked God to see His glory and God proclaimed that He is Lord, merciful, gracious, patient, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving, and justice. Psalm 97:6 says that God is righteousness. 1 John 4:16 says that God is love. So the glory of God is the character of God. So we are created to reflect the character of God.

5. Now that we know that all of God's creation including us was made for the purpose to glorify God, the Creator, what specifically sets us apart from the rest of God's creation? In other words, what special makes us unique from the plants, birds, fish, and animals?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: Genesis 1:26, 27

Write Bible Answer:

Even though all of creation including us was made for the purpose of glorifying God, what makes you and me special from the rest of God's creation is that we were made in the image or reflection of God. At creation Adam and Eve, this earth's first parents were a perfect reflection of their Creator God. **We were created to reflect the physical attributes and the character traits of God.** Being made in the image of God also reflects the glory of God. What also make us unique from all of God's creation is that God gave us all a free will, the freedom to reason and chose. Unfortunately, as we will study in detail at a later study in the book of Genesis is that man made some fatal decisions that distorted or marred our image or reflection of God. Sin entered this planet. Sin doomed us to eternal death. Sin separated us from our Creator, but our Creator was not going to leave us alone to die. Praise God, after sin entered this world God activated a plan that would restore His image in our lives to once again fully reflect the image of God.

6. How does God restore His image in us in order to reflect His glory?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: John 3:16; 1 John 1:9; Psalm 51:10

Write Bible Answer:

So right now in our present sin stained and messed up condition, God desires to transform us so we can once again reflect the image of God. This is beautiful because Jesus offers us grace to forgive us for our sins and power to overcome sin so that we can reflect the image and righteousness of God, our Creator. But you have a decision to make. All you have to do is give your life totally to Jesus Christ, He promises to recreate you so you will reflect the image of God. When you reflect the image of God you are fulfilling the purpose that God has for you and that of course is to glorify God!

7. Now after you give your life totally to Jesus Christ, what specific role or task does Jesus give you in order fulfill your purpose of glorifying God?

Read ALL the following Bible texts: 1 Timothy 1:15; Luke 19:10; Luke 4:18; 1 John 3:8; John 14:12; Philippians 2:13; Matthew 28: 19, 20

Write Bible Answer:

Jesus came into this world to **save sinners**. The specific role of Jesus Christ that glorifies His Father is to save sinners, you and me. So everything that Jesus does fulfills His purpose to glorify God by saving sin sick people like you and me. So every decision that Jesus made and currently makes is driven with the purpose to glorify God by saving sinners. If you believe in Jesus Christ and allow Him to work in your life, you will do the works of Christ. Our role and purpose is very clear, we are to save sinners by pointing others to Jesus Christ. Amen. Now Jesus says at the end of John 14:12 that we will do greater works then He did on earth because He is now in heaven with the Father. In fulfilling this role of pointing others to Jesus Christ we are glorifying God. This role and purpose gives true meaning in your life. Amen. The role of leading others to Christ is the most fulfilling and satisfying job in the world, because you are doing exacting what God designed for you to do. Amen. What does Jesus command all His people who believe in Him to do in Matthew 28:19-20? **Jesus says, ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you *always, even unto the end of the world.*** This is not only a command to fulfill God’s purpose, but it is also a promise. We are all commanded to go and teach others about Jesus Christ and Jesus promises you and me that He will be with us always even to the end of the world. So we have nothing to lose, but self and sin, and everything to gain. Amen.

So in conclusion class. You are very special in God’s eyes because He made you in the image of God. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to this world to restore your sin sick image to one that again reflects His image. Amen. Friend, you were born on this earth for a specific purpose to glorify God. Glorify God in everything you do. God has given you life for a true and holy purpose. The purpose to glorify God and to tell others about the His love should never be wasted. Every decision you make should glorify God. Remember your purpose to glorify God should drive your decisions and your decision will determine your destiny. Never forget friend only what you do for Christ will last. Everything else is empty. Friend, are looking for purpose in your life? Friend give you life wholly to Jesus Christ, He will lead you to true peace. Amen. You will not find true peace and satisfaction in anything else. This world, money, and fame does not fill your purpose. They are all empty. Jesus Christ is YOUR answer.