

# Purpose of Life

What is the purpose of Life? That's an age-old question that people often ask when life doesn't make any sense. As author, Dr. Gary Smalley stated, "Life is about relationships, everything else is just details." I truly believe him, yet life requires more explanation. Honestly, who can rightly say what the purpose of life is except God? He alone is the originator of all life.

First let's look at the entrance into the Bible, the Word of God. Genesis 2:7 says, *And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* This tells us that the life of the soul came from the breath of God, for God breathed life into the man, Adam. God wanted man to live. This breath of life was precious and priceless because it is God's breath and life. He created us to be "in His image". This suggests that the purpose of life is to simply be in His image, to be *like* Him. This means to be pure, holy, righteous, until His light shines through us.

But because Adam and Eve chose to eat of the tree of good and evil instead of the Tree of Life which was freely given, they experienced death. They knew that the purpose of Life was to know the God of Life, to experience the God of Life, to eat of His presence, of His bread, and of His living Water as is stated in Revelation 22.

Now we can bemoan what Adam and Eve did, but we too are given the opportunity to eat of the bread of Life, Jesus Christ. We are given the opportunity to know the purposes of God as we kneel in prayer. We are given the opportunity to overcome by the blood of the Lamb whereby we will receive a crown of Life. In essence, the real purpose of Life is to know the originator of Life, the One who loved us enough to pay our penalty of sin. To know Jesus, to know His Father, Jehovah, is to know the purpose of Life.

In this life on earth, we live daily with the dying element that we inherited from Adam and Eve. This dying is evident in our struggling with sins that cause death. All the struggles, confusion, and emptiness that this human life offers can only be combatted with the Life of Jesus Christ. He died to overcome sin permanently for you and for me. In this life we often feel that there really is no purpose to anything, but the reality is that this life on earth is meant to prepare us for the real life that we will experience in heaven. In heaven, you will never taste of death again, not in the foods you eat, the body that decays over time, nor the death that comes to steal. God's purpose is your purpose in life. He desires for you to live eternally with Him—an eternal life where there is no sickness, death, trauma, abuse, hardships, nor anything that causes you grief. He is the ultimate reason for the purpose of life.

Therefore, when you struggle with this life, learn to release what caused you to experience a death. You were created by God, for God, for the purposes of living life eternally, to experience His river of living Waters, and to eat of His Tree of Life forevermore. Set your focus on the God of Life, not on the death of earth.

Dear Jesus,

You are the purpose of Life. In fact, you are the embodiment of Life. I pray that they will surrender all their life, that's full of emotions, troubles, hardships, traumas, and more to you. Create in them a new life such as they have never experienced. They have been perplexed and have questioned, "What is the true purpose of Life?" May they experience you, in all of your fullness until they feel your breath in their lungs. Your breath is already in them, now let them feel the real purpose of life...You! Yes and amen!

And he showed me a pure river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of its street, and of the river, from here and from there, was the Tree of Life, ... And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1-2

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