

Assurance

Part # 4:

How to be certain...of God's Purpose

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We all want to believe that our lives have **meaning**, which leads to a process of a **personal** search for **purpose**.

The idea of finding one's purpose is considered essential in the attempt of reaching our God-given potential.

However the purpose we seek should not begin with the question "What is **my** purpose?" rather "What is **God's** purpose?"

Understanding the right approach from which to discover our life's purpose provides the **perspective** and framework to grasp our purpose.

Central Point...

Certain Perspective

The Bible is clear that God has always had a purpose concerning His creation:

Proverbs 16:4 *God made everything with a place and purpose; even the wicked are included – but for judgment.*

Romans 11:36 *For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.*

We can be certain to gain the right perspective about God's purpose when we **embrace** the notion that our chief purpose is to glorify **God**.

1 Peter 2:9-10 *But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.*

Focal Point...

Certain Purpose

God reveals His purpose through:

1. His **creation**.

Genesis 1:26-29 *God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature*

*So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,*

And, yes, Earth itself,

and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings;

he created them godlike,

Reflecting God's nature.

He created them male and female.

God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,

for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

2. His **commandments**.

Romans 3:19-20 *We know that the law's commands are for those who have the law. This stops all excuses and brings the whole world under God's judgment,²⁰ because no one can be made right with God by following the law. The law only shows us our sin.*

3. The **cross**.

Romans 4:24-25 *They were written for us, since we will also be accepted because of our faith in God, who raised our Lord Jesus to life. ²⁵God gave Jesus to die for our sins, and he raised him to life, so that we would be made acceptable to God.*

4. His **commission**.

Matthew 28:18-20 *Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."*

Turning Point...

God's intent from the start was to connect His purpose with **people**:

2 Timothy 1:9 *For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.*

Our challenge: To trust that God's Purpose is beneficial to my life's purpose.

Seekers – we can only truly discover our purpose when we embrace the One who provides it. To invite Christ into your heart, simply pray,

*“Heavenly Father I **admit** that I have left you out of my life, but this morning, I **believe** that Christ is your Son and that He died for my sin of rejecting you and that you raised Him from the dead. I **confess** Him to be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Believers – simply ask God,

“Heavenly Father – How am I doing in making my purpose line-up with your purpose for my life. *In Jesus' Name, Amen*