

# What's my Purpose?

## 1. To grow into the image of Christ.

**Romans 8:29<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son”

### Obstacles

## 1. Growing into the image of Christ does not happen overnight!

**1 Corinthians 13:10, 12 (NIV)** “When completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”

## 2. If you have not accepted Christ into your life, it will be impossible for you to grow in the image of Christ

**John 8:47 (NIV)** “Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”

**1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)** “The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (NIV)** “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”

**Matthew 19:26<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** “With God all things are possible”

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)** “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”