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THIS IS CHURCH: “THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE”

“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had His eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.” Ephesians 1:11-12 (Msg)

“For Everything, absolutely everything...got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.” Colossians. 1:16 (Msg)

God’s Purposes for Your Life

1. You were created to KNOW AND LOVE GOD.

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.” Revelation 4:11 (KJV)

“[Jesus]’...You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ‘This is the first and greatest commandment.’” Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)

2. God wants you to be IN HIS FAMILY.

“God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure”. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.” 1 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)

3. God wants us to GROW UP and ACT LIKE JESUS.

“For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son...” Romans 8:29 (NLT)

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...” Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

4. God wants us to do GOOD DEEDS that HELP OTHERS and honor Him.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

5. God wants us to **HELP OTHERS KNOW ABOUT HIS LOVE** and to know that they have an invitation to join His family.

"[Jesus] 'Just as you sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world.'" John 17:18 (NLT)

*"[Jesus] '...Go into all the world and preach the **Good News to everyone.**'" Mark 16:15 (NLT)*