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## #1 What is The Purpose of Life?

### I. Bad stuff that happens when you don't understand the purpose of your life.

#### 1. Life seems meaningless.

*"Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless!" Ecclesiastes 1:2 (NLT)*

#### 2. Life seems boring.

*"Everything is wearisome beyond description." Ecclesiastes 1:8a (NLT)*

#### 3. Life "can't get no satisfaction."

*"No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content."  
Ecclesiastes 1:8b (NLT)*

#### 4. Life seems insignificant.

*"We don't remember what happened in the past, and in future generations, no one will remember what we are doing now." Ecclesiastes 1:11 (NT)*

#### 5. Life seems hopeless.

*"What is wrong cannot be made right. What is missing cannot be recovered."  
Ecclesiastes 1:15(NLT)*

### II. So, What is the Purpose of Life?

*"Long ago, even before He made the world, **God chose us** to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love. **His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us.** And He did this because He wanted to!" Ephesians 1:4-5 (TLB)*

*"... and this was His purpose: that when the time is ripe **He will gather us all together** from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with Him in Christ forever." Ephesians 1:10 (TLB)*

**We need to use this Temporary Life to PREPARE for Eternal Life.**

### III. Things to Do (to get the most out of this life and prepare for eternal life).

#### 1. Get to KNOW AND LOVE GOD in a real way. (Worship is a LIFESTYLE)

*"But to all who believed Him [Jesus] and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God."  
John 1:12 (NLT)*

**2. Start doing life with GOD'S FAMILY here on earth. (You Can't Do Life ALONE)**

*"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." Romans 12:10 (NLT)*

**59 "one another's" in the New Testament.**

**3. Become more and more LIKE JESUS. (Growing people CHANGE)**

*"For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." Romans 8:29 (NLT)*

**4. Help PEOPLE. (Saved people SERVE PEOPLE)**

*"It is God Himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago He planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)*

**5. Help other people BECOME FRIENDS WITH GOD. (Found people FIND PEOPLE)**

*"For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT)*

*"But how can they call on Him [Jesus] to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"  
Romans 10:14 (NLT)*