



ReFocus on My Purpose

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What is the purpose of my life?

- **Short Answer:** Ultimately... to become like **JESUS CHRIST!** *Romans 8:29*
- **Longer Answer:** God made me to...
 - ◇ **LOVE ME** *1 John 4:7-9; Ephesians 1:4; Jeremiah 31:3; Proverbs 16:4a*
 - ◇ **GLORIFY** and **ENJOY** Him forever *Ecclesiastes 3:11*
 - ◇ Do His will in the earth:
 - » **HONOR** God in the mundane – Great Mandate
Genesis 1:28; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 5:10
 - » **LOVE** God and people – Great Commandment
Matthew 22:37-39; John 14:21; Philippians 2:3-4
 - » **ADVANCE** His Kingdom – Great Commission
Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 3:9

Why is life so hard?

- **Short Answer:** We live in a **BROKEN** world, filled with **TROUBLE** *Job 5:7; John 16:33*
- **Longer Answer:** We are at war and I'm either...
 - ◇ **DEAD** *Ephesians 2:1-3*
 - ◇ **ALIVE** in Christ *Ephesians 2:4-5*
 - » Fighting on one of three battle fields:
 - Internal – The **FLESH** *Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:5, 13*
 - External – The **WORLD**
Ephesians 2:2-3; Romans 12:2; Colossians 2:8; 1 John 2:15-16
 - Supernatural – The **DEVIL**
Revelation 12:9, 17; Ephesians 6:11-13; 1 Peter 5:8; James 4:7



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Is there any hope for me?

- Short Answer: **YES** *Ephesians 2:12; 1 Timothy 1:1; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Titus 2:13*
- Longer Answer:
 - ◇ We have a problem, **SIN** *Jeremiah 17:9; Ecclesiastes 9:3; Mark 7:21-22*
 - » Our sin has three outcomes:
 - We are guilty and separated from God *Isaiah 59:2*
 - Our rebellious bent keeps us messing up *Galatians 5:19-21*
 - Our sin will keep us separated from God forever *Ephesians 2:3*
 - ◇ But, we have a rescuer, **JESUS** *Colossians 1:13-14*
 - » Jesus is God who came to...
 - Take the punishment for the guilty *Romans 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18*
 - Connect us with God *1 Peter 3:18*
 - Empower us to live a new life forever *Galatians 5:22-23*
 - ◇ We are not hopelessly alone:
 - » **HOLY SPIRIT** *Galatians 4:6; 5:18-25; Romans 8:11, 13, 26-27; John 3:6-7; 16:8, 33; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 12:4-7; 2 Corinthians 3:18*
 - » Spiritual **ARMOR** of God *Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:8*

Memory Verse

*Everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible
...everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.*

Colossians 1:16 MSG

My Next Steps:

- I'll memorize Colossians 1:16.
- Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- Today, I'm learning/remembering _____ and with God's help I will _____.
- I'll _____