

The God of the Bible is the God of creation, history, and humanity. He uniquely created us in his image intending for us to enjoy relationship with him, to oversee his world, and to live forever.

This God of the Bible is a God of purpose. His eternal purpose threads its way through the whole book from Genesis to Revelation.

Out of a heart of love, with an intention of love, God created the universe. Then he created our little world. Then all the life in it. And finally humanity with an initial man and woman.

He did this with an overriding, eternal purpose: to create a unique People for himself. A People called by his name. A People who recognize and reflect his glory. A People in whom he comes to abide, now and forever.

The Story began in a garden, a garden so wonderful in every detail that it could only be called Paradise or Pleasure.

God gave the first couple three assignments: oversee the garden with its animals, have lots of babies to populate their new world, and avoid the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

What could go wrong with such a simple plan?

What went wrong was the first couple believed a lie: 'we can get a better deal in life doing our own thing without God.' They used the free will with which God had endowed them to rebel against Him.

The fallout was immediate. They 'fell' from relationship with God and were expelled from the garden. They forfeited their authority over creation. They ushered death and every other form of brokenness into the world.

But the Story didn't end there. Humanity's failure might divert and delay but God was not deflected from his original intention. He continued with the process of creating a unique People for himself.

The Old Testament chronicles God's determination to fashion this unique and eternal People. The Story resets with God's covenant with Abraham. Continues with the establishment of Israel in Canaan under the Old Covenant.

And climaxes in the sending of his Son, Jesus of Nazareth, who died on the cross and was resurrected from the grave. In so doing, Jesus sealed a New Covenant with his blood.

God invites you and me to enter this New Covenant with him through his Son. When we do, our sins are forgiven, we're transformed into a new creation, we're indwelt by his Holy Spirit, and we're incorporated into his unique People.

Today we join God's unique People in preparing for the next chapter of the Story of the ages. Soon the resurrected and glorified Jesus will appear as Commander of Angel Armies to welcome us into God Country on earth, the kingdom of God which he comes as king to establish and administer.

And after 1000 years of this Paradise regained, what comes next is out of this world!

Your life is important. Your life is not random. You were created for this time and place in history. You are chosen by God to play a part in his forever Story.

God's original design for you enables you to know him, love him, and worship him. He extends to you the privileges of obeying and serving

him. He will authorize you to represent him. He freely offers you friendship which begins now and lasts forever.

God has moved heaven and earth to make you one of his sons or daughters. To transform you into the image of his Son Jesus. To move you from Death to Life. To transition you from brokenness to wholeness. To include you as one of his unique People in whom he comes to abide, now and forever.

Want to learn how you can find your purpose and your place in relationship with God?

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