God's Purpose for me

We are in a spiritual battle. There is an enemy that wants to kill, steal, and destroy your life. In contrast, God wants you to experience a full, rich, and satisfying life and an <u>eternal life</u> that extends beyond your time here on earth. By accepting the sacrifice of His son, Jesus Christ for our <u>sins</u>, God's purpose for us is to become like Jesus, holy and blameless. We are to use our gifts to the fullest, and to grow and learn through difficult times. We are to be united with others as one body, under Christ. We are to enjoy the <u>fruits of the Spirit</u> and to live in the presence of God, where we experience <u>hope</u>, joy, and <u>peace</u> that surpasses all understanding. Above all, we are meant to <u>love</u>, just as <u>Christ loves</u> us. We do not have to wait for heaven to experience these things. We can experience all of this now, on earth, regardless of what goes on in our lives and around us.



To love as Christ loved me

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

-Ephesians 5:1-2 To do good things

"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

To live into your purpose and use our gifts to the fullest

"Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress".

- 1 Timothy 4:15

To learn and grow

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

- James 1:2-4

To obtain Eternal Life

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

- John 3:16-17

To unite under Christ

"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
- Romans 12:5

To have peace and be healed from sin

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

- Isaiah 53:5

To become holy and blameless

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight."
- Ephesians 1:4

To have a rich and satisfying life

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

- John 10:10

To become like Christ

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

- Romans 8:29

To prosper

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

- Jeremiah 29:11

To have joy

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

- Psalm 16:11

To benefit others and make friends

Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

- Luke 16:9

To Love

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

To bring others to know Jesus Christ

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



Action Challenge:

Write down one purpose and the corresponding scripture God has for you that speaks to you right now. Reflect and meditate on this purpose each morning over the next seven days. Be intentional about living into that purpose each day.