

01/18/04 – “WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?”

It's not about me... Purpose of your life for greater than our personal fulfillment, peace of mind or happiness

Every person that has ever been made is made in the image of God

God has given each of us intrinsic worth, and is endowed with gifts at the moment of conception – You were not...and then you were

Life came to you & me at the moment of conception – It is a correct statement to say without conception...no life

We were fearfully & wonderfully made & knit together in our mother's womb & God knew us before the foundations of the earth – Psalm 139

Mary was found to be **with child** not with fetus – Apostle Paul was set apart even from my mother's womb – Galatians 1:15

Every stage of life is critical – conception, prenatal, birth, growth, puberty, adulthood, old age – Every phase is vital

Purpose is the reason something exists - **Purpose** presupposes a desired result - God had purpose for us before we got here

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” – Ephesians 2:10

Almighty God designed you with a purpose & intent before the foundations of the earth – He made you the way He wanted you to be!

He didn't want us to be clones – **unanimity not uniformity – unity in diversity** – Fearfully & wonderfully made

You can choose your college, career, wife, place to live, friends, etc. – You don't choose your purpose...God does!

Many things we can't choose...national origin, parents, length of life, I.Q., race, looks, sex, war, famine, etc.

The truth according to the scriptures is that we get 70 years & if by due strength 80...we have limited time on earth

The grass withers...the flower fades...but the Word of God exists forever

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT KNOWING YOUR PURPOSE

Ecclesiastes 1:3-11 – Solomon came to a point of futility

1. **Life without purpose is tiresome** – You're spinning your wheels, you have limited vision & you are in a rut

2. **Life without purpose is unfulfilling** – Empty, lacks contentment, your motor is always running – We can be like that even with God

People try to find meaning in philosophy; which is man at his lost best trying to find the meaning of life

There is a void in us that people try to fill with hobbies, trophy wives, second childhoods or even religious and/or secular service to humanity

3. **Life without purpose is uncontrollable** – Life coming at us rather than us ruling well – Without purpose we might as well say, “Eat, drink & be merry for tomorrow we die – Without God life has no meaning...**No meaning means no purpose**

LIFE WITH PURPOSE

Philippians 3:7-14

1. **Knowing your purpose will give your life focus** – Everything in your life should go through the grid of God's purpose

Matthew 6:33 – “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

2. **Knowing your purpose will simplify your life** – Forgetting what lies behind & pressing on towards the mark

Extraneous & empty pursuits lose their luster as we live in light of His purpose for us

3. **Knowing your purpose will increase motivation in your life** – See objectives more clearly & trust the Lord for enablement

The early church is ample testimony of saints who knew their purpose...even in the midst of sacrifice & suffering

4. **Knowing your purpose prepares us for eternity** – We are pilgrims & sojourners just passing through

He has put eternity in our hearts. We don't belong to this world...We're to be **in it, but** not of it

You were made by His purpose & for His purpose, to become what God created you to be.