

Purpose, Fulfillment, Hope, Meaning, Reason for Living – Who Are We, Why Are We Here, and How Should We Live?

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The following Bible verses will be referenced.
Each requires its own individual overhead slide

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJV)

... the Son of God ... loved me, and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20, KJV et al.)

... you were called by God into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:9 CSB)

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11 KJV)

And God said, Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness ... (Gen. 1:26 NKJV)

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" (Gen 3:8, 9 NIV)

Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. ... [He] walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. (Gen 5:22, 24 NASB)

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. (Gen. 6:9 NIV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless. (Gen 17:1 CSB)

And [Jacob] blessed Joseph, and said, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys ... (Gen 45:15-16 NASB)

Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. (Deut 34:10 NASB)

David writes: The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:1-4 KJV)

[The Lord said to Solomon] ... if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, *and* if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever ... (1 Kings 9:4, 5 NKJV)

For your Maker *is* your husband, The LORD of hosts *is* His name; And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. (Isaiah 54:5 NKJV)

"This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife," says the LORD. (Jer. 31:32 NLT)

I swore an oath to you [Jerusalem] and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD. "*You are an adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband.*" (Ezek. 16:8, 32 NKJV)

... a woman approached [Jesus] with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She poured it on his head as he was reclining at the table. The disciples were indignant when they saw this. "What a waste!" they said. [Jesus replied,] "Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." (Matt. 26:7, 8 13 CSB)

[A sinful woman] knelt behind [Jesus] at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. [Jesus said to the others,] "I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." (Luke 7:38, 47 NLT)

As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. (Eph. 5:31, 32 NLT)

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." (Matt. 28:18-20 NIV)

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:4-7 NIV)

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called (Ephesians 4:1 NKJV)

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. (Rev. 3:21 NKJV)

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. (Psalm 84:11 KJV)

The one who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself to him." (John 14:21 NASB)

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 14:23 NKJV)

As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. (John 15:9-11 NKJV)

[Jesus] said to [Simon] the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And [Peter] said to [Jesus], "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. (John 21:17-22, NKJV)

Follow me! (John 21:19)

Lord, what about him? (John 21:21)

Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." (John 21:22 NIV)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJV)

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 14:23 NKJV)

Jesus said, Seek and you will find. ... The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matt. 7:7; 13:44-46 NIV)