

## Is There Purpose in this World?

Are you looking for a life worth living, a life full of meaning and enjoyment? Where can it be found? Is a fulfilling life sourced in wealth, health, and fame? What will provide true satisfaction to your craving for purpose?

The question about life's purpose is not new. Mankind has been searching for purpose since the beginning of time. Consider with me one man's autobiography about his search for meaning in which he said, "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 1:13). In his autobiography, King Solomon, historically known as the wisest man, took time to search out the meaning of life. As a very wealthy and powerful king, he had all the resources imaginable and stated, "So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour" (Ecclesiastes 2:9-10). While listing his exploits in the search for true meaning and purpose in life, he stated, "I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly



... I made me great works ... I made me gardens and orchards I made me pools of water ... I got me servants and maidens ... I had great possessions ... I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of

the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers ... So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me ..." Ecclesiastes 2:1-8). Truly Solomon was an expert in the area of searching for fulfilment in life. He desired happiness, and he sought for it without limitations.

Are you searching for happiness and fulfilment? Are you experimenting with all of this world's possibilities? Perhaps you have thought, "If only I had a little more money, a bigger house, or more popularity, I would finally find satisfaction." Perhaps you have even

followed Solomon's ideas about alcohol, or have used drugs to experience the sensations they provide. Maybe you have decided to give yourself over to great accomplishments, or maybe you have found music to be your solution. You just need something to forget about the problems of the past so you can get on with searching for fun in the future. You are simply dissatisfied with life. Please consider Solomon's life. He lived the life of the rich and famous; yet he said, "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:11). Are you using all of your resources in life to find happiness? Are you searching for the meaning of life? If the answer is yes, won't you consider Solomon's final conclusion? "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).



Solomon concluded that fulfilment in life is found by living in a proper relationship with the Creator God. Solomon's internal craving for purpose drove him to realize that he could not find satisfaction in this life when he knew he was not prepared to face God when this life was over. Jesus Christ asked, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:25).

How about you? Have you ever been alone, perhaps trying to fall asleep, but you just could not get your past wrongs out of your mind and wondered how God would allow you to enter His perfect heaven? The Bible is clear, "For the wages of sin is death ..." (Romans 6:23a) Each sin you commit places you farther and farther away from a purposeful life and the security of eternal life. Thankfully, the second half of the same verse says, "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23b). A truly purposeful life is not found in

yourself—it is found in the gift of eternal life for which Jesus Christ paid on the cross. Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). You must accept it personally. You must fear God and keep His commandment given in I John 3:23a. "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..." You must believe that John 3:16-18 applies to you personally when it says, "For God so loved the world [you], that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [you] believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life ... He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Will you give up your personal search for meaning and joy in life through who you are and what you have accomplished in order to accept God's solution through Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection?

The process is simple. God tells us, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). The Bible is clear: you must accept that you are a sinner and that your sin, being contrary to God's commandments, produces death. You must also accept that the only solution for your sin is the price Jesus Christ paid on the cross with His death in your place. You must then humbly ask God to forgive you of your sins, based on your faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Simply pray right now and ask God to forgive you of your sins and ask Him for the gift of eternal life based on your faith alone in Jesus Christ.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you have found the true meaning to life, and can rest in peace about your future. By living according to God's Word, you can experience the "full" joy that Jesus wants you to have today.

Dear Friend

The pamphlet you are reading represents our heart and teaching. Our desire is to study the Word of God to find the answers to life's questions so that we can apply them correctly to our day-to-day practices. We desire to share what we have learned with those who may have the same questions and have an interest in finding God's solutions.

In no way do we believe that we are better than anyone else or that we have secrets unavailable to everyone, but that God's Word promises that we have been given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (II Peter 1:3)

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*Así que la fe es por el oír, y el oír, por la palabra de Dios. Romanos 10:17*



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