

# God's Purpose For Every Human Being

Science tries to tell us how life came about with many different theories, but does **not** even consider why we do have life.

The only place we can know why we have life is to go to the One who is the provider and sustainer of all life, the Creator God.

Most people do **not** accept that a Creator God exists, mainly because such belief brings with it a certain accountability to Him.

Most people have allowed themselves to be blinded to the truth which is available to every human being when they know where to look for it.

The source of this knowledge is found in the Christian Bible and I will be quoting from it in this article as I do in all the articles on this website.

**2 Timothy 3:16** [King James] *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”*

The Creator God has made available to all human beings all that we need to have a successful life and a life after our physical death.

It is the work of an evil spiritual being who is blinding the majority of human beings to this truth.

**2 Corinthians 4:4** [NIV] *“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

The Creator God has allowed this evil being to rule on this earth at this time for a very good reason. [Please download and study our article ‘Why Did God Create Satan?’ listed under heading ‘Satan’]

**Revelation 12:7-9** [NIV] *“And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down, that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”*

In this scripture the evil spirit being who is leading all humanity astray is revealed.

There are two characteristics that we need to know that this evil being has.

**John 8:44** [NIV] *“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

He is a lying murderer.

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15** [NIV] *“And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”*

Satan disguises himself as one who is enlightening us with the truth and he has persuaded some human beings to be his ministers.

This is how he has led all humanity astray.

Where and by Whom is the truth revealed?

**John 1:1-5** [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

Who is this spokesman of God who is called the Word?

**John 1:14** [NIV] *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

A Being who is God and Who came to dwell with human beings as a human being.

There is only One being who fills this description, Jesus Christ, whose life as a human being is recorded in the Christian Bible.

**John 1:15-18** [NIV] *“John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, ‘This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” From the fulness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.”*

This Jesus Christ is the **only** one who can reveal God to humanity and tell us why we have been given life.

**John 14:6** [NIV] *“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.’”*

Jesus Christ rightly introduces Himself as the Truth and the Life.

The truth about life is personified in Jesus Christ, revealed to us by His words and the way we should live as a human being was illustrated by His life as a human being.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** [NIV] *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

All that is found in the Christian Bible is given to humanity as a handbook for living a good, successful life. [**John 10:10**]

Let us now read in the Christian Bible why we as human beings have been given life, and what we should be seeking to accomplish in this brief existence.

**Genesis 1:26** [NIV] *“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’”*

After the creation of the earth and the heavens, God created the first human beings and in this verse God tells us why.

God desired human beings who would be in His “*image*”, the Hebrew word “*tselem*” meaning a shadowlike resemblance and His “*likeness*”, the Hebrew word “*demûwth*” meaning two for one that is the same character.

**Genesis 1:27** [NIV] *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

Note that at this time God only created human beings in His “*image*” **not** in His “*likeness*.”

Why?

Character **cannot** be created instantly, it is the product of choice over a period of time.

A period of intimate relationship with the One whose character you wish to make your own.

This is why all humans have been given a period of time in a physical existence that is able to change.

Spirit **cannot** change, it is eternally the same.

God who is Spirit never changes. [**Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6**]

### **How many people know this purpose of God for all human beings?**

Not many, for most have been blinded to this good news by Satan as we have already seen in scripture.

You who are reading this article do **not** have to be among those who are blinded if you are willing to accept the truth, that is Jesus Christ, and follow the way of living as He has shown all humanity in the Christian Bible.

There is a certain limitation on who can have their chance at this time to understand why they exist as human beings.

**John 6:44** [NIV] *“No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day.”*

The initiative, as in all things, is in the hands of God the Father, for He only knows when will be the best time for us to have our chance for salvation from eternal death and be given eternal life, as we will see is the end goal of the Creator God for all human beings. [**John 3:17; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9**]

The purpose of this article is to lead you step by step along the path in life that will lead you to the goal that the Creator God has for every human being.

## **Step One – Understand and accept the existence of the Creator God and His plan for all humanity.**

**Hebrews 11:6** [NIV] *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*

Without faith in the existence of the Creator God we are unable to even start on our journey towards developing the “*likeness*” [character] of God and receiving eternal life, including a glorious inheritance.

**John 10:10** [King James] *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”*

God’s desire is that we experience life now to the full.

**John 14:27** [NIV] *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Peace of mind is part of that full life.

Peace of mind that can **only** come from an assured future life after physical death.

Why then do so many find that their present lives cannot be described in such terms?

Even people who faithfully attend Christian Churches and worship God each week on a Sunday?

The answer is that we have a problem in our lives that needs to be resolved.

## **Step Two – Understand the problem every human being has.**

**Romans 3:23** [NIV] *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

All human beings have sinned and so fall short of the conditions required to be given the gift of glorious eternal life.

**Romans 6:23** [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

All our human efforts to please our Creator God will **only** earn us eternal death.

All this is because our sins cut us off from contact with God the Father.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** [King James] *“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”*

Two words describe the reason for our separation from God the Father.

“*Iniquities*” meaning perverseness, persistently being different from what is reasonably required or requested by God and “*sins*” meaning to miss the mark or goal in life, in this case the very reason for life itself.

**Isaiah 59:3-4** [King James] *“For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.”*

This fitly describes the messed-up society in which we find ourselves a part of, for we all in some measure fit into this description.

Throughout the history of humanity, individuals and groups of people have tried to bridge the gap between themselves and the Holy God through various religions, all without success.

Why?

**Job 32:8** [Living Bible] *“... it is not mere age that makes men wise. Rather, it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty which makes him intelligent.”*

Part of that intelligence is the ability to make choices.

This is an unseen but very effective part of human nature that science cannot quantify and therefore rejects.

**1 Corinthians 2:11** [NIV] *“For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man’s spirit within him? In the same way no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”*

It is with this spirit in humans that is **not** found in other animals that separates us from them.

But there is a big problem here, if we **only** have this “human” spirit we **only** make wrong “spiritual” choices that end up causing pain and distress.

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10** [NIV] *“We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we speak of God’s secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him,’ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”*

Without the additional Holy Spirit joined to our human spirit our spiritual choices will continue to be the same as the rest of the world.

**1 Corinthians 2:12-14** [NIV] *“We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

Only with the active presence of the Holy Spirit in us can we begin to make right “spiritual,” that is eternal choices.

Only such right “spiritual” choices will begin to develop in our lives the “likeness,” that is character of God the Father.

How do we then receive the Holy Spirit to work actively in our lives to produce the character of God in our lives?

**Isaiah 53:6** [NIV] *“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

Who is the “him” who has taken away the “iniquity” that has cut us off from God the Father?

**John 3:16-21** [NIV] *“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. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

Jesus Christ is the **only** One who can save us from being condemned by our sins and iniquities.

### **Step Three – Accept the cleansing power of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice to be freed from penalty of sin.**

**Acts 4:12** [NIV] *“Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

Only through Jesus Christ can we find salvation from our deserved eternal death.

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21** [NIV] *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

Jesus Christ on the cross took on our sins, paying the penalty in our stead.

God in all spiritual matters has to take the initiative, for us to break through the barrier that our sins has erected between us and God or to bridge the gap that we could never cross into the presence of the Holy God.

The entire message that is called by Christians the Good News or the Gospel Message tells of this initial move of a Holy God to reconcile us to Him.

**1 Timothy 2:5-6** [NIV] *“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men, the testimony given in its proper time.”*

This reconciliation revolves around one unique pivotal historical event, the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, on the cross, followed by His resurrection and ascension up to the throne of God from where He came.

**Romans 5:6, 8, 10-11** [NIV] *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.” ... “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” ... “For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”*

Read this passage of scripture slowly and meditate on it, for it expresses the great undeserved, unconditional love of God. Note that we are powerless to initiate this reconciliation, we are ungodly, we are sinners, we are enemies of God. When God begins this process of reconciliation, there is only one way of crossing this chasm between our sinful nature and the Holy God.

The cross of Jesus Christ bridges that chasm.

**Philippians 4:19** [NIV] *“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”*

Note all our needs, every aspect of our lives, physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual are met by Jesus the Christ.

God did **not** provide many different ways for us to be reconciled with Him, only one.

### **What then should be our response to this initiative of God?**

We are told what our response should be in the words of Jesus Christ’s disciple Peter, just after he had received power from God in the Person of the Holy Spirit Whom Jesus Christ had promised to send to take His place on earth. [**John 14:15-18**]

**Acts 2:22-24** [NIV] *“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.”*

Peter reminded the people what they had done to Jesus Christ. Every human being is just as guilty because of our sins. [**Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8**]

**Acts 2:32-33** [NIV] *“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”*

It was the Holy Spirit who was inspiring Peter and giving him the courage to speak out boldly.

**Acts 2:36-37** [NIV] *“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’”*

The people were convicted of their sinful act of murdering the very One whom God had sent to reconcile them to Him by paying the penalty of their sins.

“Jesus” means “Saviour” and “Christ” means “one anointed” by God for a special task.

**John 3:16-17** [NIV] *“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.”*

This is why Jesus Christ the Son of God became a human being.

**What did Peter tell the crowd listening to him to do in response to their being convicted of their sins?**

**Acts 2:38** [NIV] *“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*

Two very important things.

**Repent** – This involves a change of mind and the direction that our lives are taking.

**Baptised** – The Greek word “*baptizō*” means a total immersion in water, symbolic of our death in a watery grave. [**Romans 6:3-4**]

We are now ready for the next step.

## **Step Four – Receive Jesus Christ into our lives as Lord.**

The initiative is always with God to make the first move but He gives us total freedom of choice. We can accept or reject this offer of reconciliation.

**Revelation 3:20** [NIV] *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”*

God calls out at the door of our heart, mind and human spirit, but we have to open the door.

Note two things in this offer:

a) We have to hear this voice at the door.

Most people in this world do **not** hear this voice, their lives are too full of noisy pleasures of this society or their minds too full of their own accomplishments and personal philosophies.

It is only when some tragedy invades their world that they even pause to think of God, let alone hear His voice.

b) We have to choose to open the door and allow Jesus Christ into our lives, as Lord of our lives.

The eating with a person is symbolic of a friendship being made with that person, in this case Jesus Christ and God the Father.

We are now ready to take the next step.

## Step Five – Confess Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

**John 1:10-12** [NIV] *“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”*

Unlike the vast majority of people we have to –

a) Recognise who Jesus Christ is, not only our Saviour but also our Lord.

**Acts 20:28** [King James] *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”*

All Christians have been purchased by Jesus Christ when we accept His sacrifice on the cross as a substitute for our own deserved death, because of our sins. [**Romans 6:23**]

The picture that would be in the minds of those who first heard this statement is that of a person being purchased in a slave market to become a bond slave with **no** personal rights, **only** responsibilities towards their master.

**Paul** introduced himself as bond slave of Jesus Christ. [**Romans 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Titus 1:1**]

**James** introduced himself as a bond slave of Jesus Christ. [**James 1:1**]

**Peter** introduced himself as a bond slave of Jesus Christ. [**2 Peter 1:1**]

**Jude** introduced himself as a bond slave of Jesus Christ. [**Jude 1:1**]

**John** states not only to being a bond slave of Jesus Christ but all who receive and accept Jesus Christ’s message are also bond slaves of Jesus Christ. [**Revelation 1:1-2**]

**This confession is a statement of intent.**

**Philippians 2:5-8** [NIV] *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!”*

From the moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord we must have the same attitude of mind that He expresses and showed us during His physical life on earth.

Two major attitudes of mind are expressed in these verses that we have to take into our lives.

a) Have the mind of a servant, not only towards Jesus Christ but also towards other human beings.

**Philippians 2:1-4** [NIV] *“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

A willingness to put other people’s needs before our own.

b) Crucify our own human nature.

**Philippians 2:8** [NIV] *“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross!”*

Just as Jesus Christ's death on a cross became, through a resurrection, a now living sacrifice, so we also should become a *"living sacrifice."*

**Romans 12:1-2** [Message Bible] *"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going-to-work and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."*

I know that this is a very loose translation of these two verses but I have used it because I feel it brings out the easily understood, practical meaning of the original text.

**John 1:12-13** [NIV] *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."*

To believe is the Greek word *"pisteuō"* meaning to place confidence in, to trust akin to the word for faith *"pistis"* meaning to be faithful to a person or their words.

God names things to indicate what they are or have become. When we accept Jesus Christ we relate to Jesus Christ's name. Christians means *"little Christs."*

**Matthew 10:32-33** [NIV] *"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven."*

If we are faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ we will not disown Him when we are in contact with other people who do not know Jesus Christ.

Never be ashamed of being a Christian, it is the greatest honour we can ever receive, for we have the right to become a created child of God. [**1 John 1:12**]

This change in status in God's eyes is more fully explained in our article *'The Ladder To Love And Perfection,'* listed under sub heading *'Maturity.'*

## **Step Six – Walk with Jesus Christ in confidence.**

When we repent of what we have been, accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Saviour, we then have to relate our lives totally to Him.

Paul describes this change that has to take place in every aspect of our lives summed up in simple but life-changing words, *"live with Him."* [**Romans 6:8**]

### **How do we do this?**

**Romans 6:3-5** [NIV] *"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection."*

When we were immersed in the waters of baptism we symbolically entered our grave in death so that we can start a new life.

**Romans 6:6-7** [NIV] *“For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin, because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”*

We start on a new life by crucifying our old life. [This is what is meant by Jesus Christ when He told His disciples they have to take up their cross – **Luke 14:27**]

Just as a person who was crucified may have taken several agonising days to die, so this crucifying our old life will not be accomplished overnight.

Jesus Christ poured out His life blood after a spear thrust from a Roman soldier, this is why He died so quickly in comparison.

**Romans 6:8-10** [NIV] *“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”*

Note that belief, being faithful to Jesus Christ is an essential part of our new life.

**John 14:15-20** [NIV] *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”*

We are **not** left alone in this struggle to live a new life.

Our confidence can be in this wonderful promise that Jesus Christ has given to all who would become His disciples.

As we yield our lives to Jesus Christ and obey His Words, as recorded in the Christian Bible, through the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ will be living His life again on earth in us.

## **Step Seven – Make your decision now.**

Is there any good reason why you do **not** want to invite Jesus Christ into your life now and begin to fulfil the very reason you have life?

### **How do you do this?**

**Acts 2:37-38** [NIV] *“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”*

- a) Admit to your Creator God that you are a sinner.
- b) Be willing to turn away from your life of sinning.
- c) Accept the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ in your stead.
- d) Be baptised as a symbolic outward sign of the death of your old life.
- e) Receive Jesus Christ into your life by asking God to fulfil His promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. [**Luke 11:9-13**]

**The decision to do this has to be yours, God will not force you, but if you wish to fulfil the very purpose for which you have been given life, this is the only way. As a bonus you will then receive from Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Master, peace of mind and freedom from eternal death.**