

OUR PURPOSE

Why are we here?

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INTRODUCTION

- **Genesis 1:26** | We are a reflection of God's own image

*“ Let us make man in our image, **after our likeness**. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. ”*

INTRODUCTION

- Genesis 1:26 | We are a reflection of God's own image
- Ephesians 6:10-12 | We are engaged in spiritual warfare

*“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ”*

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- *Seek the kingdom?*

Matthew 6:33

*“ But **seek first** the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you “*

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE

- *Seek the kingdom?*
Matthew 6:33
- *Fear God and keep His commandments?*
Ecclesiastes 12:13

*“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for **this is the whole duty of man.**”*

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Matthew 6:33
- *Fear God and keep His commandments?*
Ecclesiastes 12:13
- *Love our neighbor?*
Galatians 5:13-14

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the **whole law is fulfilled** in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”*”

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Ecclesiastes 12:13
- *Love our neighbor?*
Galatians 5:13-14
- *Love the Lord?*
Mark 12:30 ff

*“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **There is no other commandment greater than these.** “*

TO GLORIFY GOD

WE WERE MADE FOR HIS GLORY

- *Isaiah 43:7*

*“ ...everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory**, whom I formed and made. ”*

WE WERE MADE FOR HIS GLORY

- *Isaiah 43:7*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31*

*“ ...So, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do**, do all to the **glory of God**. ”*

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- *Isaiah 43:7*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31*
- *John 15:7-8*

*“ If you **abide in me**, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this **my Father is glorified**, that you **bear much fruit** and so prove to be my disciples. ”*

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- *Isaiah 43:7*
- *1 Corinthians 10:31*
- *John 15:7-8*
- *Philippians 2:9-11*

*“ Therefore **God has highly exalted him** and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father.** ”*

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- *John 15:7-8*
- *Philippians 2:9-11*
- *Romans 5:1-2*

*“ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the **glory of God**. ”*

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- *John 15:7-8*
- *Philippians 2:9-11*
- *Romans 5:1-2*
- *Revelation 22:1-5*

*“ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and **his servants will worship him**. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ”*

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- *Revelation 22:1-5*
- *John 3:16*

*“ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish **but have eternal life**. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the **world might be saved** through him “*

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*“ But woe to you Pharisees!
For you tithe mint and rue
and every herb, **and neglect
justice and the love of God.**
These you ought to have done,
without neglecting the others ”*

WHY DOES IT MATTER

- Luke 11:42 | We tend to miss the big picture
- **Matthew 6:1 ff** | Our motives matter

*“ Beware of **practicing your righteousness** before other people **in order to be seen** by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven “* -Matthew 6:1

*“ ...So, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do**, do all to the **glory of God.** “*

-1Corinthians 10:31

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*“ And to **him** was given dominion, and glory and a kingdom, that **all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him**; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and **his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed** “*

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- Daniel 7:14 | The church is a big deal
- **Revelation 7:9-12** | We may need to change our view of heaven

*“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, ...**crying out with a loud voice**, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and **worshiped God**, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen”*”

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