

Purpose in Real Life

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(Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV)

True purpose in life begins when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Ephesians 2:1-10 gives insight on how our relationship with Christ leads to a life full of purpose:

- **Satan is determined to STEAL us from God’s true purpose for our life.**

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- **God DESIRES to give us true purpose through His son Jesus.**

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“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” (Psalm 139:13-14 ESV)

- **True purpose is EXPERIENCED by living in God’s will for our life.**

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV)