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## Prologue

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This study addresses the issue of purpose; specifically, God's purpose in creating man. Until we understand why we were created, we cannot possibly assess what believers in Christ are suppose to be doing in this lifetime. The Bible states clearly that all believers will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ after this life is over to account for how we conducted our lives.

### ***2 Corinthians 5:9-10***

*Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*

Since we know that man's sins were judged on the cross of Calvary, this judgment cannot be about Heaven or hell. The debt of sin was settled two thousand years ago by Jesus Christ and applied to each believer by personal faith. The critical question then is why the believer's *actions* will be assessed? If we are to be judged on the basis of our actions, what should we now be doing? Which brings us back to the question of purpose. Why was man created?

### *Typical Assumptions*

One popular assumption is that God created man for His own glory; thus man's purpose is to glorify God. A very popular online Christian ministry, [crossway.org](http://crossway.org) states God's purpose for man like this:

*"The Bible is clear: God created us for his glory."*

Another popular notion is that God created man for fellowship. The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association published this statement...

*“God created us for one reason: to know Him and have fellowship with Him.”*

Yet another respected Christian publication, Christianity Today offers two reasons why God created man:

*“Man was created to be part of the war between God and Satan, and the most important part we play is to point people to eternal life with God.”*

All of these explanations are true and have scriptural merit, but none are based on a *big picture* view of the Bible. The purpose for man’s creation has to be viewed in light of man’s past, present, and future activities.

## *The Purpose for This Study*

I began this Bible study intent on learning more about God’s original purpose for creating man, what He expects of His children, and details about how the human adventure timeline will ultimately end. I know the basic Christian positions but I asked the Lord for more clarity. Decades of Bible study have resulted in a solid understanding of many theological topics, but I was now asking the Lord to glue all those studies together in a clear and cohesive package.

This study has accomplished that goal in a more comprehensive picture than I ever thought possible. I am compelled to share this information.

The title of this book is a true reflection of the study contained herein. It is a realization of God’s purpose for man. If we are truly to live *on* God’s purpose, we must then live *in* Christ. Not just in the *body* of Christ... but in the *person* of Christ.

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## Introduction

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### *The Purpose for Man*

Every person who has ever drawn breath has shared a common desire, we want our lives to have purpose; we want to mean something to someone. The first sound of a newborn baby is a cry for recognition and personal fulfillment. This same hunger drives each of us throughout our lives. God planted this desire for meaning in our souls at birth; it was a call to a unique life. Your birth wasn't a mere biological process, it was a life-commission.

We all want to please God and we want Him to be pleased with us. As believers, we know He loves us and that we are secure in His love, but we instinctively know that there must be a bigger purpose for our lives. But what is it?

What you are about to read should answer that question for you. You *know* that Christ died for you, but do you *know* that God has designed a unique life for you? He has! If you thought that going to Heaven was the ultimate gift of God, hold onto your hat. Your understanding of God's *purpose* is about to get even more personal. You were not chosen to believe in Christ, that was your decision. But you have been literally predestined to play a unique role in this life, and the ages beyond. You were designed to be an active participant in God's plan. The Bible makes this unmistakably clear.

God put you on this Earth on purpose... *His* purpose. God actually assigned you a life-purpose before He assigned you a life! You are not here by accident and your life is not just a treasure hunt for personal fulfillment. You are here because God *put* you here— on purpose. He gave you an individual calling that includes daily involvement in His grand plan. And if you are listening carefully, you'll hear His voice *every day*.