



## Called to Purpose: Purpose in your heart who God created YOU to BE

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### Romans 1:7 Amplified Bible

[I am writing] to all who are beloved of God in Rome, **called to be saints (God's people) and set apart for a sanctified life, [that is, set apart for God and His purpose]:** Grace to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

- We are called to be saints and live sanctified (dedicated to God; separated from profane things). This is hard to do in our profane (secular, not biblical) world.
- We can only do this when we purpose in our heart who God actually originally made us to be.

**In the beginning, God created us to be like Him, and He called us good. God honored us from the very start.**

### Genesis 1:26-27,31A New King James Version

26 Then God said, **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** 31a Then God saw everything that He had made, and **indeed it was very good.**

### Psalm 8:4-6 Amplified Bible

4 What is man that **You are mindful of him,** And the son of [earthborn] man that **You care for him?** 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, **And You have crowned him with glory and honor.** 6 You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; **You have put all things under his feet,**

- God has honored us. Do we act honorable (worthy of honor)? Knowing that God has honored us, should call us higher, to live higher, with a desire to understand better who we really are, that God chose from the beginning to honor us, and considered us worthy of honor.
- How do we understand honor? Dignity; exalted rank or place; distinction; high estimation.

### Isaiah 43:4 Amplified Bible

**"Because you are precious in My sight, You are honored and I love you,** I will give other men in return for you and other peoples in exchange for your life.

- God has honored us by calling us His own. His chosen people. His beloved.
- Love and honor go hand in hand. You can't be loved without being honored. (1 Corinthians 13:5, love does not dishonor others)
- Being honored means you are regarded with great respect. How can you love without respect (due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, traditions of others)? God has great respect for us. And demonstrates that respect by giving us the option to choose Him or not (He provides the way, truth, and life). And He honors our choice; He will not override it.
- You can't give something you haven't received.

### **Psalm 84:11 Amplified Bible**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; **The Lord bestows grace and favor and honor; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

- When we choose God, He blesses us in that choice. He does not withhold any good thing when we choose to walk with Him.

### **Matthew 23:11-12 Amplified Bible**

11 But the greatest among you will be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be raised to honor.

- In Christ, honor and humility go hand in hand. Those who are humble before God, He will honor. Those who think too highly of themselves, God will humble. We understand that it is only because of Christ Jesus that we can be worthy of honor. So we first give honor (praise/reverence) to God, that He may honor us.
- So there are different facets to honor. We were made by God in His image, so we have an inherent honor simply by our creation. And then God, through our humility in Christ, will raise us to honor, to be honorable in our character.

### **Mark 7:6 Amplified Bible**

He replied, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites (play-actors, pretenders), as it is written [in Scripture], **'These people honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.**

- God sees whether our honor is true in our hearts. It can't just be lip service.
- So we are called to a work do a work in our hearts, to purpose Him and who we are in Christ, in our hearts, to abide in Him, as He abides in us. So that the condition of our heart reflects the words that come out of our mouth. The condition of our heart depends on our state of communion. As we commune with Christ, the condition of our heart is healed, and we are able to honor God, ourselves, and others.

### 1 Corinthians 6:20 Amplified Bible

You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.

- As we grow in Christ and the condition of our heart heals, we come to understand that we are not our own, we belong to the Lord. And so we make choices that correspond with wanting to honor God with our whole lives.

### 2 Timothy 3:16 Amplified Bible

All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage];

- It's through the Word of God that we learn to live an honorable life. Where we learn to purpose in our heart who God created us to be all along.

You have been called to purpose in your heart (to Believe) who God created you to Be...

- Purpose - to set in its place
- Believe - to be persuaded in the truth

### BE LOVED

### John 3:16 Amplified Bible

"For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

- Agape love - the love of God, what God gives and commands
- Phileo - friendly affection
- Storge - mutual familial love

### 1 John 4:16 Amplified Bible

We have come to know [by personal observation and experience], and have believed [with deep, consistent faith] the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides continually in him.

## BE CHOSEN

### Ephesians 1:3-5 New Living Translation

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. 4 **Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.** 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**

### Romans 8:29 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

- As you are chosen, predestined, allow yourself to be molded by the Holy Spirit into the likeness of Christ. This is a work that God does as you yield yourself to Him.

## BE UNASHAMED

### Psalm 96:2-6, 9 Amplified Bible

2 **Sing** to the Lord, bless His name; **Proclaim** good news of His salvation from day to day. 3 **Declare** His glory among the nations, His marvelous works and wonderful deeds among all the peoples. 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are [worthless, lifeless] idols, But the Lord made the heavens. 6 Splendor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 9 **Worship** the Lord in the splendor of holiness; **Tremble** [in submissive wonder] before Him, all the earth.

### Romans 1:16-17 New King James Version

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

### Romans 1:16-17 The Passion Translation

16 'I refuse to be ashamed of the wonderful message of God's liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved—the Jew first, and then people everywhere! 17 'This gospel unveils a continual revelation of God's righteousness—a perfect righteousness given to us when we believe. And it moves us from receiving life through faith, to the power of living by faith. This is what the Scripture means when it says: "We are right with God through life-giving faith!" '

## BE VICTORIOUS

### John 6:29 Amplified Bible

Jesus answered, "This is the work of God: that you believe [adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith] in the One whom He has sent."

- How can you have the victory if you are not sure in your faith? Believe, adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith in Jesus. Be settled in that. Purpose that in your heart. Then you will Be Victorious.
- All it takes is a mustard seed of faith. God will take it from there.

### 1 John 5:4 New Living Translation

For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.

### 1 John 5:4-5 Amplified Bible

4 For everyone born of God is victorious and overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has conquered and overcome the world—our [continuing, persistent] faith [in Jesus the Son of God].

5 Who is the one who is victorious and overcomes the world? It is the one who believes and recognizes the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.

### 2 Corinthians 5:10 Amplified Bible

For we [**believers will be called to account** and] must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be repaid for what has been done in the body, whether good or bad [that is, **each will be held responsible for his actions, purposes, goals, motives—the use or misuse of his time, opportunities and abilities**].

- Purpose in your heart that you will grow in your actions, purposes, goals, motives, use of your time, opportunities, and abilities. The Lord is for you, He is not against you. Decide to seek His will in faith, and you will Be Victorious.

## BE FORGIVEN

### 1 John 1:8-10 The Message

8-10 If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, **if we admit our sins—simply come clean about them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing.** If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God—make a liar out of him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God.

## Ephesians 1:7-8 The Passion Translation

7 Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood - **the total cancellation of our sins - all because of the cascading riches of his grace.** 8 This *superabundant* grace is already powerfully working in us, releasing all forms of wisdom and practical understanding.

- You do not need to be burdened any longer. Let it go.