

# What's Next God?

seeking  
God's Will for  
Our Future

# Why We Exist

Part 2



Glorifying God through  
lives changed by the  
gospel of Jesus Christ



- We glorify God through changed lives.
- Lives are changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.



God is the ultimate  
change-maker!



14 For the love of Christ controls us,  
because we have concluded this: that  
one has died for all, therefore all have  
died; 15 and he died for all, that those  
who live might no longer live for  
themselves but for him who for their  
sake died and was raised

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)



<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;  
<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples

John 15:8 (ESV)



<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,  
<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

21 And you, who once were alienated  
and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
22 he has now reconciled in his body of  
flesh by his death, in order to present  
you holy and blameless and above  
reproach before him,

Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV)



<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith,  
stable and steadfast, not shifting from  
the hope of the gospel that you heard,  
which has been proclaimed in all  
creation under heaven, and of which I,  
Paul, became a minister

Colossians 1:23 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16 (ESV)

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Colossians 1:17-18 (ESV)

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:19-20 (ESV)



<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses  
and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked,  
following the course of this world,  
following the prince of the power of  
the air, the spirit that is now at work in  
the sons of disobedience—

Ephesians 2:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

Ephesians 2:3-4 (ESV)



<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our  
trespasses, made us alive together  
with Christ—by grace you have been  
saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him  
and seated us with him in the heavenly  
places in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:5-6 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:7-8 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:9-10 (ESV)

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35 I am the bread of life; he who comes  
to me shall not hunger, and he who  
believes in me shall never thirst

John 6:35 (ESV)



“The glory of bread is that it satisfies. The glory of living water is that it quenches thirst. We do not honor the refreshing, self-replenishing pure water of a mountain spring by lugging buckets of water up the path to make our contributions from the ponds below. We honor the spring



by feeling thirsty, getting down on our knees, and drinking with joy. Then we say, 'Ahhhh!' (that's worship!), and we go on our journey in the strength of the fountain (that's service). The mountain spring is glorified most when we are most satisfied with its water."

--John Piper

