

Southeast Sower

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Services:

SUNDAY:

- 10AM Bible Study
- 10:50AM Worship
- 6PM Worship

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30PM Worship

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear Rom. 10:17
- Believe Heb. 11:6
- Repent Acts 2:38
- Confess Matt. 10:32
- Be Baptized Mark 16:16
- Stay Faithful Rev.2:10

YOU

...are important.

Your life is important.

You are never invisible, although you may think you are at times. Your actions are noticed and observed by others. The way that you react and the way that you generally carry yourself on a day-to-day basis are noticed. There is always someone who sees you, who is encouraged or discouraged by you. You are not invisible.

You have an influence on your society and on your community, whether or not you choose to see it. Do we decide for ourselves as to whether or not we are alone? Do we decide for ourselves as to how the world views us? Most of the time I would say yes. We can decide how we want to view our lives and the perspectives we see. We can easily choose to see the negatives in our lives and what we do not have and so easily forget what we do have, and vice versa.

Lately in the news we have each read or heard of tragic events taking place in schools, workplaces, private homes and in the general public areas. We have read and heard of cases where people have devalued their lives or counted another's life expendable and as a way to pay others back for all their suffering. This article is to remind you of your importance, to remind you of what you are, why you are here and the importance of the lives of others.

Genesis 1 tells us that everything we can see and touch as well as everything we cannot, was created by God. Near the end of the first chapter in verse 26 the Scripture says, "Then God said, " Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over all the fish of the sea, over all the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God choose man, all humans, to be created like Him, to posses an eternal spirit. Are you convinced that you are important? How about 2 Corinthians 5:15 which says, "And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." Jesus, the Son of God, our Creator left heaven to live upon this earth and sacrificed Himself for you. He felt pain, allowed Himself to be mocked and humiliated for you to have the hope of glory. John 14:1-4 Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for those whom believed. Jesus is preparing a mansion for all those who believe in heaven, where there are no tears, no heartaches and no pain. Do you believe now that your life is important? What if you knew that God saw everything you did, heard everything you said, knew everything you were going through and all the thoughts that are running through your mind, would you believe? Read Matthew 6:25-34, Psalm 139, Philipians 4:6-7. There are numerous other passages you could read to find strength, relief and comfort from the Lord. The Lord knows you better than anyone else, maybe even better than you know you. The Lord knows the heart and life of every human who has lived or is still living...that is a lot of people. Fortunately for you and me, we do not need to know everybody...we just need to know the Lord our

Genesis 1:31

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good..."

Psalms 100

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God: it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good: His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

God and obey His commandments. You are important, your life is important, so important God the Son died for you, is His sacrifice as important to you?

-Jordon Smith

The Purpose of Life

People have often wondered and questioned what the purpose of life is. Some, especially young adults, search to find their "purpose" and fit in society. Purpose is what makes us feel valuable to our society, gives us meaning to our lives. Billions of people live on this earth today, and an innumerable have lived before us. With each individual come a different perspective, personality, strengths, weaknesses, interest and so on. Yet with all of this, all these different people looking for purpose you might think there are several purposes to life, maybe every individual has their own purpose to life. However, there is only one purpose to all life.

As was noted in the previous article, Genesis 1 explains how everything came to be. God created everything. As the Creator of the world and everything inside of it, God also created the purpose for each creation. Trees grow and produce shade, oxygen and seeds to produce more trees. Light was created to provide us with sight, days were created to show a change, provide distinction from darkness. Time was created to show growth and change, to allow us to plan and schedule.

After God created everything, as scripture tells us, "God saw that it was good." When God first created everything, all of creation met God's standard and was living up to its purpose. However, as time went on and man sinned, all of creation no longer fully lived up to God's standard or to its purpose. Jesus used an analogy of a branch not producing fruit to explain that when we do not fulfill our purpose given by God, we become as useless as a branch that does not produce fruit.

So, what is this one purpose all men were created for? It is simple; all men were created to worship and serve God. The answer is not just a simple one to give but also a simple one to live. See, if you take this message to heart and truly study the scriptures, you will see. You will understand that you do not need to have the latest technology or all the luxuries of this life. God has promised to take care of those who believe in Him and willingly, honestly, and righteously serve Him. God will provide you with all you needs. He will listen to your prayers and comfort you. He has made you a promise of eternal rest, free from any and all suffering. However, you must fulfill your purpose. I have often wondered how Paul, through all of his sufferings, was able to say "in all things I have learned to be content." Maybe it was because Paul found his true purpose in the Lord? He no longer needed to fear what men may do to him because he stood with the Lord. Men and women spend years of their lives trying to find their purpose. They travel across the world, speak to numerous advisors and read every book written by man. They fail to read the Bible though. God offers us a peace that surpasses all understanding. A kind of peace that is only felt when you know you have found your true purpose to life. - - - - Jordon Smith