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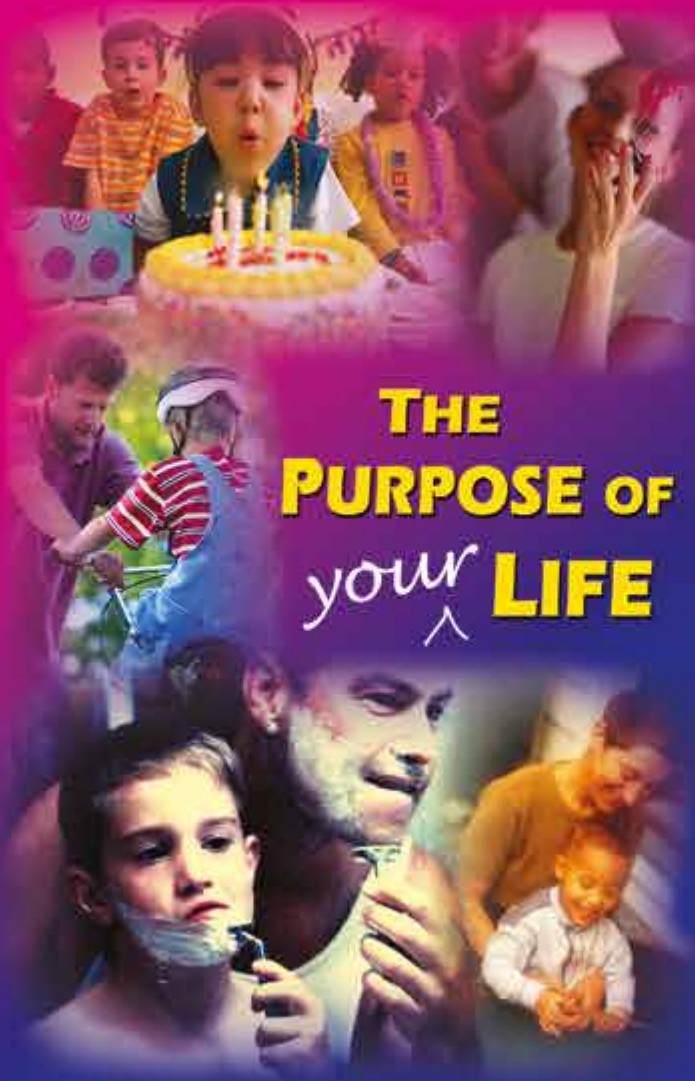
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Life with a Purpose

What on earth am I here for?

This question must have crossed your mind at some point or other.

Is it simply a matter of making the most of life's on-going sequence of random events? Or, is there really a '*grand scheme of things*' with far more significance for us than our own personal ambitions and desires?

If there is, then surely it would be foolish not to find out more.



Just think, making this kind of discovery would not only help us fulfil our potential but turn our whole life experience upside down...

Patterned for His PLEASURE

Let's face it, most of us go through life resenting the very idea that anyone should have the right to tell us what to do.

Yet, in a day when '*my way*' has become a moral virtue, God says in His Word the Bible, that we were made by Him and for His pleasure... and that we cannot know His best for us because of our basic self-centred nature...



...your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God...

Isaiah 59:2

However, He planned a way by which this can be '*put right*'... through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who says...

...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

But this is only part of the story...

Fashioned for His FAMILY

We all need a sense of belonging... and not simply to a club, a team or even a human family. Though many of us don't realise it, we have a yearning to be part of God's family... we're made for His purpose...



...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12

But as we are, God doesn't consider us fit to enjoy a personal relationship with Him. Even our best efforts to live a decent life are not enough for us to gain His acceptance... to put us 'right' with Him. In the light of His holiness...

...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64:6

And unless a radical change takes place within us we'll face an unthinkable future...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

So, what's the answer?

Rescued for His REASON

Well, with every self-improvement plan doomed to failure, God took an amazing initiative. Taking human form He came into our world that first Christmas. And by living a perfect life was, 'good enough to pay the price of sin', when He suffered and died on the Cross of Calvary...

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous...

1 Peter 3:18

So when, in seeking His forgiveness, we turn away from all we know to be wrong and invite the risen Christ Jesus into our lives as Saviour and Lord, we're given a brand new start... with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle, pleasing to Him...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Amazingly He then entrusts to us a share in this 'rescue process' for the benefit of other people...

....he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20



Wired for His WORK

We were put on earth to make a contribution... to serve God by serving others...

...we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

So, although 'good works' are not the way to a right relationship with God, they should follow as a consequence...

Of course, living the Christian life today is not easy. Thankfully He doesn't ask anything of us for which He won't also give us the ability. However, He does expect those of us who would become His true followers to count the cost of lasting loyalty and commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

But He also promises to be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5



Programmed for His PROMISE

As we ponder our purpose in life, the Cross of Calvary can be seen as a form of signpost, raising the question, 'His way or my way?'. And nowhere is this more important than when it comes to our everlasting security. He never intended us to face eternity just 'hoping for the best' ...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

We're 'programmed' to fulfil His great promise...

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25

And yet how easily we can ignore or reject Him without realising there are horrific consequences...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So NOW is always the right time to reach out to Him... to find peace with Him and discover the thrill of living out His purpose for your life.