SERMON NOTES

Sunday, October 30, 2011

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

(Colossians 1:16)

What is your life purpose? Why are you on planet Earth? God has a plan and purpose for your life. While God has a plan that is uniquely designed for you, He has five purposes that are true for each of us.

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1. You were planned for ______.

2. You were formed for ______.

3. You were created to ______.

4. You were _____.

5. You were ______.

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"It is in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for...part of the overall purpose He (that's God) is working out in everything and everyone." (Ephesians 1:11, The Message).

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"Long before He laid down the earth's foundation, He had us in His mind and settled on us as the focus of His love to be made whole and holy by His love" (Ephesians 1:4, The Message).

1. You were planned for <u>God's pleasure</u>.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12: 30, NCV).

2. You were formed for God's family.

"His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 1:5, NLT).

3. You were created to be like Christ.

"From the very beginning, God decided that those who came to him, and all along He knows who would, should become like His son, so that His son would be the first of many brothers" (Romans 8:29, LB).

4. You were shaped for service.

"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, NIV)

5. You were made for a mission.

Jesus said, "[Father,] in the same way you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world" (John 17:18, The Message).

"Anyone who calls in the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him and how can they believe in him if they've never heard of him, and how can they hear about him unless somebody tells them?" (Romans 10:13-14, NLT).