

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Isaiah 43:1-7

INTRODUCTION: We want to look at one of life's biggest questions: "Why are we here?" "What is the purpose for our lives?" Remember we said last week if we get the question "If God really exists" wrong every other question in our series will also be wrong. Every other big question we ask in life comes off that first question. For those who say God does not exist, the answer to our second question: "What is the purpose of our lives?" will always be there is no purpose for our lives: Ecclesiastes 1:2. If there is no God our lives are pointless. But praise the Lord there is a God: Genesis 1:1-2. Evolution is a mathematical impossibility. Our universe is very ordered and very complex: Genesis 1:1-2. Those who believe that God created everything there is in this universe gladly say: "Yes, life has meaning because we were created by a loving God!

I. OUR GOD IS A PURPOSEFUL GOD!

Everything God made, He made for a purpose: Proverbs 16:4. Our God made mankind in His own image so we can know and love Him: Genesis 1:26. Our God is Spirit: John 4:24. Mankind was created with a spiritual side. We have a body, we are soul and we are spirit. Plants and trees have a body but they don't have a soul or a spirit. Animals have a body and a soul, they are aware of things around them. Mankind alone has a body, a soul and a spirit. Not only are we aware of things around us, we also have a soul. We are aware of the spiritual world around us. We are aware of God. Genesis 2:16-17. When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of good and evil they died spiritually. Ephesians 2:1-5; John 3:3; Genesis 1:1. It is in our spirit that we know God: John 17:3. When we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior we become alive spiritually. Many claim to know God but it is only those who truly surrender their lives to Jesus Christ that truly know God: Matthew 7:21-23. Why are we here: "God created you for His glory so that you could glorify Him and honor Him: Isaiah 43:7. Moses wanted to see God's glory: Exodus 33:18-23. We serve a truly glorious God and He wants you to glorify Him with your life: Isaiah 6:1-3; Psalm 19:1-4.

II. HOW DO WE GLORIFY OUR GOD?

If my purpose is to glorify God how are we to do that? 1 Corinthians 10:31. We glorify our God by loving Him and obeying Him: Matthew 22:34-40. We love God by first of all receiving His love for us: 1 John 4:19. Imagine, the God Who spoke the world into existence loves you! Isaiah 40:17. When we truly love God, Jesus said this is the test: John 14:21. We can chose to live our lives obeying God or we can chose to live our lives for our own pleasure: 2 Samuel 11:26-27; Romans 2:23-24. We glorify God when we love Him. And our love is revealed through our obedience to His commands.

III. WE GLORIFY OUR GOD BY ABIDING IN HIM AND BEARING HIS FRUIT!

As we chose to abide in Jesus Christ His fruit is produced in our lives: John 15:4-8. "Abide in Me!" That is the job of every Christian. We just stay connected to the Lord Jesus and He produces His fruit in our lives. Psalm 149:4. Our God enjoys His people: Psalm 16:11. We are called to spend time with the King of Kings and enjoy Him forever! Philipians 2:9-11. When we surrender our lives to our Lord and seek to do His will instead of our own will we will glorify our God and fulfill God's purpose for our lives and we will enjoy Him forever!