

Created By God and For God  
Wednesday Evening, September 16, 2020

Revelation 4:11

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created and brought into being.”

Worthy, O Master! Yes, our God! Take the glory! the honor! the power! You created it all; It was created because you wanted it.

“Our Lord and our God, it is right for You to have the shining-greatness and the honor and the power. You made all things. They were made and have life because You wanted it that way.”

Worthy are You, O Lord; worthy are You, O God, to receive glory and honor and power. You alone created all things, and through Your will and by Your design, they exist and were created.

- I. As Christians, followers of Christ, or believers...it is imperative they we learn HOW to live this life God has provided!
  - A. I didn't give myself life!
    1. If I truly believe what the tenets of the Christian Faith teach, I have to think accordingly!
    2. This live was given by God and it is best lived according to His design!
    3. Yes, He does have a design and yes He has made it known!
  - B. We should be looking for “the smile of God” upon our lives!!

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

1. This must never be viewed as “legalistic control!”
2. It is merely reverence for God and a desire to please Him!

II. God has a Purpose and Plan for your life!

- A. His ultimate “purpose” is for you to be recreated into His likeness! That likeness that was lost in The Fall!

Ephesians 1:5-9 (NLT)

5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. 9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.

1. What was that “good plan?”

Romans 8:29 (NLT)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

2. His purpose is for us to live “in likeness to His Son!”

3. God takes great pleasure in reveling His Son in our lives!

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

B. This is the continuation of our salvation and redemption!

1. Once we are “birthed” into the Kingdom of God and once we are “buried with Christ” we start the process of becoming like the One we worship!
2. Or, at least that’s the planned purpose of God.

Hebrews 9:1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 23 (NLT)

1 That first covenant between God and Israel had regulations for worship and a place of worship here on earth.

6 When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties

9 This is an illustration pointing to the present time. For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them.

11 So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.

14 Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins

23 That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real

things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals.