

Times of Worship
Sunday
10:00 a.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available
10:45 a.m. (Worship)
6:00 p.m. (Worship)

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. (Bible Study) Classes Available

3rd Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Ladies Bible Study)

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What Is Your Purpose In Life?

Have you ever wondered, “Why am I here?” “Why am I living now?” At some point in time all have probably asked themselves these types of questions. Perhaps you have never received a satisfactory answer to these questions.

Perhaps you are like many who encounter frequent discouragement and struggles. During these times, perhaps you question whether your life has any value. Please understand that *your* life means something. *You* are here for a purpose. Now, I challenge you to consider your grand purpose in life.

1) Your life is temporary. It is appointed for all men to die (Heb. 9:27). Your life on this earth will end. When you consider the length of your life, you will find that your life will come and go rather quickly. The NT writer James pictured an individual’s life as a vapor (or mist) that appears for only a short period of time before it vanishes away (Jas. 4:13-15). You are not guaranteed another minute of life.

When you recognize that you will not live forever, you must begin to evaluate what you are going to do with the brief period of time that you live on the earth. Consider some options you have before you.

2) Some options. There are billions of people who live at this present time. Those individuals live striving after many different things. You probably observe many different focuses in life even within your own social circle of friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, etc.

Some live for wealth. Some live for fame. Some live to experience the pleasures and thrills this life has to offer. Some live to see the many marvelous sights throughout the world. Some live to work. Some live for family. Some live for friends. Some live for hobbies, games, and entertainment. Some live for many other reasons not listed here. What do you live for? Do you live for any of these purposes?

3) The end of all earthly things. Many individuals will spend their lives in pursuit of the things listed above. However, while the things above *may* not be sinful in and of themselves, you should understand that they are *all* temporary! All of the things that have been mentioned will come to an end.

If you live your life for wealth, you will be separated from it at the time of your death (if not sooner) (see Luke 12:19-21). If you live

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE THAT ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Sam Butler
Destiny’s and Family
Carol Blubaugh’s brother
Amber and baby Gabriel
Cindy Anthill
Harold Reynolds niece
Shirley Dunn’s Daughter
Jason Workman
Esther Adams
Wilbur Bland Multiple Health Issues
Rhonda Hess
Shannon (Judy’s Step Granddaughter) and Children
Marlene McCullough
Vera Snow
Bob Buckland
Bill Weigle
Daniel Sanders grandparents

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sam Butler will be having surgery to remove a mass on his pancreas

The Sanders family will be out of town August 10th visiting in Indiana

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS COMING QUICKLY IT STARTS ON AUGUST 28TH WITH ERIC KRIEG OF MEDINA, OH

Continue to pray for Amber and Baby Gabriel

Jason Workman is in military

Lesley’s friend Cindy Anthill has been informed she will no longer receive treatment for her melanoma

CD’s available upon request

If you have someone who may like to receive a bulletin please write down information and give it to Daniel

ORDER OF SERVICES

MORNING SERVICES

Announcements: Josh Marshall

Song Leader: Jim Cline

Opening Prayer: Jim Butler

Heading Lord's Table: Tony Scarpino

Speaker: Daniel Sanders

Closing Prayer: Daniel Sanders

EVENING SERVICES

Song Leader: Jim Cline

Opening Prayer: Harold Reynolds

Lord's Table: Tony Scarpino

Speaker: Daniel Sanders

Closing Prayer: Jim Butler

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Announcements: Josh Marshall

Song Leader: Jim Cline

Opening Prayer: Josh Marshall

Invitation:

Closing Prayer: Eldred Hess

your life to experience the pleasures and thrills of this life, they will end. If you live your life for family, friends, etc., your life will be shattered by the experience of death of those you love – and you will also die.

Yes, all of the things in life will end. When your life ends, all of the physical things you possessed, experienced, cherished, etc. will be forever lost. And, one day, all of the physical things that were so dear to you will be destroyed (2 Pet. 3:10).

4) Your purpose in life. Perhaps you are fairly depressed by this point of the article, thinking, “Now I really have no purpose – and I’m going to die!” Yet, there is good news! You do have a purpose in life. You have a purpose in life that, if fulfilled, will result in everlasting joy.

Your mission in life must not be a self-fulfilling mission. Rather, your aim in life must be to serve God. Serving God is the only thing that will last beyond this earth. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19-21 NKJV).

But, how do you lay up treasures for yourself in Heaven? You must entirely devote yourself to God, giving yourself to His service. You must dedicate yourself to do what His will is. Then, and only then, will you find true happiness and fulfillment. It is only then that you will have a hope that is based on something beyond this life. If you put your trust entirely in God and give yourself to do His will, you will be rewarded with a home in Heaven one day (1 Pet. 1:9)!

Conclusion. You have a grand purpose! You live at this point in time to serve God. You have the opportunity to devote your life to God and to help others do the same! Will you live your life according to this purpose? Or, will you turn your back on your Savior Jesus Christ and live for your own selfish interests?

Eric Krieg

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO SERVICES AND YOU
HAVE SOMETHING TO DO PLEASE LET SOMEONE KNOW!**

Sunday Morning Sermon Note Taking

Sunday Evening Sermon Note Taking