

Colossians 1:16,

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:

ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM, AND FOR HIM:”

“Unless you assume a God, the question of life's purpose is meaningless.”

– Bernard Russell, atheist

I. IT IS UNDERSTANDING THAT IT ALL BEGINS WITH GOD!

Job 12:10, “In whose hand is the soul of **every** living thing, and the breath of all mankind.”

Romans 8:6, “For to be carnally minded is **death**; but to be spiritually minded is **life** and **peace**.”

II. IT IS FINDING YOUR PURPOSE FOR LIVING!

Matthew 16:25, “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

2 OPTIONS

1. SPECULATION

2. REVELATION

1 Corinthians 2:7, “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:”

Ephesians 1:11-14, “In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

III. IT IS DISCOVERING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IN LIFE!

1. THE ONLY WAY IS TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

2. GOD DETERMINED YOUR PURPOSE BEFORE YOU WERE CONCEIVED.

Galatians 1:15-16, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me,”

3. THERE IS A MUCH LARGER PICTURE THAT YOU MUST SEE.

Ephesians 1:18, “The **eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,”