

Discovering Life's Purpose

[Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

⁸“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*

⁹ **not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.**

¹⁰ **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”**

Those who know and follow God's direction will experience spiritual peace, joy, and contentment. To discover our life's purpose, the first step—which makes all the other steps possible—is to receive Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. In other words, we must be saved.

Our part in salvation is to acknowledge we are sinners—to admit to God that we've lived in rebellion against Him because we wanted our own way ([Romans 3:23](#)). Professing our belief that Jesus' death on the cross fully paid our sin debt, we ask God's forgiveness.

Romans 3:23 (NASB)

²³“**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**”

Recognizing Jesus as personal Savior and Lord, we commit our life to Him ([Romans 10:9](#); [Galatians 2:20](#); [1 John 1:9](#)).

Romans 10:9 (NASB)

⁹“**That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**”

Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

²⁰“**I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.**”

1 John 1:9 (NASB)

⁹“**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”

Since He is now in charge, our orders and direction will come from Him. Having become part of God's family, we have His Spirit to help us discover and carry out our Father's plan.

God's purpose for His children includes sanctification, stewardship, and service. *Sanctification* describes continual growth in holiness. The Holy Spirit, with our cooperation, will transform our character to be more like the Lord's. *Stewardship* means managing—according to God's priorities—the time, talents, and treasure He has given us. And *service* for the kingdom is to mark our life, as it marked the life of Jesus ([Matthew 20:28](#)). We serve our Father by obediently ministering to others.

Matthew 20:28 (NASB)

²⁸“**Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**”

As we each seek the Lord's specific plan for us, we can be confident that it will include character transformation, investment of our resources for His kingdom, and ministry to others.