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Purpose Driven Life*

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God knew that he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son.... We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.

Romans 8:29 (MSG)

We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.

Colossians 1:15 (MSG)

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image and likeness'"

Genesis 1:26 (NCV)

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The Bible says Jesus is *"the exact likeness of God,"*

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

"the visible image of the invisible God."

Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

Romans 8:29

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Colossians 1:15

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26

in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

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“the exact representation of his being.”

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

The Bible says, *“You were...created to be like God, truly righteous and holy.”*

Ephesians 4:24 (GWT)

“ye shall be like gods.”

Genesis 3:5 (KJV)

The Bible says, *“Take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.”*

Ephesians 4:22 (MSG)

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The Bible says, *“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.”*

2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)

And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 1:3

and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Ephesians 4:24

For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:5

that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Ephesians 4:22

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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The Bible says, *“God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him.”*

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

He often nudges us with *“a gentle whisper.”*

1 Kings 19:12 (NIV)

“For this is the secret: Christ lives in you.”

Colossians 1:27 (NLT)

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“Everything...connected with that old way of life has to go. It’s rotten through and through. Get rid of it!”

Ephesians 4:22 (MSG)

“Let the Spirit change your way of thinking.”

Ephesians 4:23 (CEV)

The Bible says, *“Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”*

Ephesians 4:24 (NIV)

for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

After the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing.

1 Kings 19:12

to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:27

that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Ephesians 4:22

and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Ephesians 4:23

and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Ephesians 4:24

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Paul said, *“This will continue until we are...mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him.”*

Ephesians 4:13 (CEV)

until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13

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“We can’t even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”

1 John 3:2 (NLT)

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

1 John 3:2

The Bible warns, *“Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.... Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.”*

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Verse to Remember:

“As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.”

2 Corinthians 3:18b

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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