

God's Purpose:

A PEOPLE WHO WILL REFLECT HIS GLORY



You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

REVELATION 4:11, NIV

The proper understanding of everything in life begins with God. No one will ever understand the necessity of conversion who does not know why God created us. He created us “in His image” so that we would image forth His glory in the world. We were made to be prisms refracting the light of God’s glory into all of life. Why God should want to give us a share in shining with His glory is a great mystery. Call it grace or mercy or love—it is an unspeakable wonder. Once we were not. Then we existed—for the glory of God!

JOHN PIPER, *Desiring God*

I ONCE SAW A CARTOON of a man who walks up to an information booth and asks the person behind the counter, “Who am I?” and “What am I doing here?” Good questions! Why have we been created? What is God’s purpose for us? What prompted God to “make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” (Genesis 1:26)? To begin to comprehend God’s purpose helps to establish a foundation for us to embrace life and to honor the Lord. Certainly

everything in life begins with God and He alone is worthy to receive the glory due His name. What is amazing is that God desires relationship with us and wants us to reflect His glory!

 GOD’S PURPOSE: TO RECEIVE GLORY

The Hebrew word translated “glory” comes from a root that means “heavy” or “weighty.” The word is normally used in figurative sense to suggest an impressive or worthy person. . . . But the glory of God is objective. It is rooted not in the evaluation of others, but in his very nature. When God’s glory is unveiled and recognized, all those things in which human beings take pride fade to nothingness.¹

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1. What do these Scriptures tell us about God’s glory?

PSALM 19:1 

PSALM 115:1 

ISAIAH 6:3 