

**Campus Church of Christ Jail Ministry**  
**Series 1: Lesson #6**  
**“You Were Formed for God’s Family” part A**  
**from *The Purpose Driven Life*<sup>1</sup>**

**Key Points summary from previous lessons**

**Week 1: What on Earth Am I Here For?**

- It is not about me!
- We were born *by* God’s purpose and *for* His purpose.
- God planned every person; no one was born by “accident”.
- We discover our meaning and purpose only when God is the reference point of our lives.
- Living with purpose is living with peace.
- Our lifetime on earth is only a moment of our lifetime in eternity.
- Life on earth is a dress rehearsal for eternity.
- My view of life determines how I will live my life.
- Life on earth is both a test and a trust.
- Life on earth is a temporary assignment.
- It is all for Him!

**Week 2: You Were Planned for God’s Pleasure**

- We were created by God for His pleasure.
- Anything we do that brings glory and pleasure to God is worship.
- If we do not worship God, we will worship something else.
- Worship is a result of being in love with Jesus.
- Worship is not a part of your life; it IS your life.
- Five ways to worship God that please Him:
  - Love Him.
  - Trust Him.
  - Obey Him.
  - Praise and thank Him.
  - Be ourselves.
- The heart of worship is surrender.
- Fear, pride, and confusion get in the way of our surrender.
- The blessings of surrender include: peace, freedom, God’s power in our life.
- God wants to be my best friend.
- We become best friends with God
  - by constant conversation, i.e. prayer.
  - by mediation on His Word.
  - by being completely honest.
  - by choosing to obey in faith.
  - by choosing to value what God values.
  - by making it our highest priority.
- We are as close to God as we choose to be.
- God wants all of me – heart, soul, mind, and strength

- God is pleased with our worship
  - if it comes from our spirit; i.e. it is authentic
  - when it is done according to truth; i.e. it is accurate according to the Bible
  - if it is thoughtful; i.e. we are mentally engaged
  - when it is a “living sacrifice”; i.e. it costs us something
- God is real no matter how I feel.
- It is our faith, not our feelings, that pleases God.
- Trust God to keep His promises.

## **Day 15: Formed for God’s Family**

**Focus Point:** I was formed for God’s family.

### **Verse to remember: Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)**

*His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.*

What has God’s plan for us always been, even before He created us?

Read **John 1:12-13**, **Galatians 3:26**, and **John 14:6**.

What do these passages tell us about who gets to be in God’s family?

Who makes this decision?

Are there any requirements? If so, what?

Read **Hebrews 2:11** and **Colossians 1:11-22**. What role does Christ have in our access to God? Why?

How does God feel about us becoming part of His family? (**James 1:18**)

What action is required by us, if any, as part of the “adoption process” into God’s family? How do we know?

From the following scriptures, identify and discuss the different symbolic meanings of baptism.

**I Corinthians 12:13**

**John 3:3**

**Romans 6:4**

**Colossians 2:12**

**Acts 22:16**

**Galatians 3:27**

What else do we learn about baptism from these scriptures?

**Matthew 3:16**

**Matthew 28:19**

**Acts 2:38**

Look up the following scriptures to discover the benefits we receive when we become members of God’s family.

1. Our “birthday gifts” include:

**2 Corinthians 9:15:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:8:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:38:** \_\_\_\_\_

We also receive...

2. The family \_\_\_\_\_ **1 John 3:1, Romans 8:15-16**
3. The family \_\_\_\_\_ **Galatians 3:28**
4. Family \_\_\_\_\_ **Philippians 4:19,**
5. Family \_\_\_\_\_ **Romans 8:26-27,**  
**Hebrews 10:19**
6. The family \_\_\_\_\_ **Galatians 3:29, Galatians 4:7,**  
**1 Peter 1:4**

### **Other verses to study:**

Ephesians 3:14-15                      Romans 10:13                      2 Peter 3:9

Ephesians 3:14, 15

1 John 3:1                      Romans 8:29                      Romans 5:2

1 Corinthians 3:23                      Ephesians 3:12                      1 Peter 1:3-5

Romans 8:17                      Galatians 5:6                      Ephesians 1:7

Romans 2:4                      Romans 9:23                      Romans 11:33

Ephesians 3:16                      Ephesians 2:4                      Ephesians 1:18

1 Thessalonians 5:10                      1 Thessalonians 4:17                      1 John 3:2

2 Corinthians 3:18                      Revelation 21:4                      Mark 9:41

Mark 10:30                      1 Corinthians 3:8                      Hebrews 10:35

Matthew 25:21,23

### **Conclusion**

Our first purpose for life is to love and worship God. Our second purpose is to become a member of His family, one of His children, through faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Savior. "Being included in God's family is the highest honor and the greatest privilege we will ever receive. Nothing else comes close. Whenever we feel unimportant, unloved, or

insecure, [all we need to do is ] remember to whom we belong.” (p. 121)  
As members of God’s family, our purpose becomes clear and our value becomes priceless!

**Question to consider:**

What could I possibly gain by choosing not to become a member of God’s family? What will the result of that choice be?

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**Prayer focus:** “Thank you dear God, that you made me to be a part of your family forever! What a privilege it is to be included. Help me to never take your church for granted.” (2 Day 15)

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**References:**

- <sup>1</sup> Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.
  - <sup>2</sup> Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life Prayer Journal*. Inspirio, 2002.
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