

KNOWING GOD: WHY DO I EXIST?

Question: Why did God create me?

Biblical Answer: God created you and me because He loves us and wants to have a close relationship with us ... and it brings Him pleasure!

Acts 17:24-28 (all scriptures NIV): “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth ... From one man He made every nation of men ... God did this so that men would **seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him**, though He is not far from each of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being...”

Ephesians 1:3-5: “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He **chose us** in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In **love**, He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His **pleasure and will**”.

As Christians, we are:

- a) His **“people”** (II Cor 6:16; Titus 2:14; I Peter 2:9-10; Rev 21:1-4)
- b) His **“family”** (Luke 8:19-21), His **“children/sons”** (Gal 3:26-29; Rom 8:14-17; Eph 1:5); His **“offspring”** (Acts 17:28) and **“heirs”** (Gal 3:29; Rom 8:17)
- c) His **“friends”** (John 15:14-15; Luke 12:4)

Question: As Christians, what should be our top priorities in life?

Biblical Answer: The bible gives us several connected and complementary priorities, including:

a) *Knowing God* (Phil 3:7-11; Jer 9:23-24; II Tim 1:12; II Peter 3:18; Rom 11:33-36)

b) *Glorify God/Have God Glorified* (I Cor 10:31; Mat 5:16; Rom 11:33-36; I Tim 1:12-17; II Peter 3:18)

Develop and nourish three sets of important **relationships** (upward, inward and outward):

c) *Love, Worship & Exalt **God*** (Mat 22:37-38; Mark 12:28-31; John 15:4; Acts 2:43)

d) *Love, Disciple, Edify and Build up **Believers*** (Eph 4:11-16; John 15:12; Acts 2:42; Mat 28:19-20)

e) *Love, Evangelize and Reach out with compassion and grace to **Unbelievers*** (Mat 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; John 15:27; Acts 2:47; II Cor 5:14-21)