



The words often translated as “purpose” in God’s word is defined as “a setting forth.” It is used of both God and humans. Concerning God, prothesis involves His omniscience whereby He never fails. But with humans, this is not always the case. Only by following Psalm 37:4 can we tune ourselves

into God’s Will and Purpose for our loves.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and meditate on [Ephesians 2:8-10](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. What do [verses 8 and 10](#) begin with? What does this word mean or how is it used?
3. What does Paul talk about up to this point in [Ephesians 2:8](#). Please summarize.
4. What does it mean that God’s people “[are saved by grace](#)” as in [Ephesians 2:8](#)? Define grace.
5. How would you define saved? Does every one mean the same thing when it is used? Give examples of this from your own experience.
6. Paul says that we have been “[saved by grace through faith](#)” in [Ephesians 2:8](#). Faith is the means through which we are saved. Does that mean faith is our contribution to beings saved? What does the rest of the verse say about that? Be specific.
7. According to [Ephesians 2:10](#), who are we? What does this mean? When did God plan on the design of our new creations in Christ? When was that?
8. Reflect on your life. Have you focused on what the Lord has appointed you to do (a.k.a. “your purpose”) or more on what you want to do? Share. What steps can you take to make it more in line with what God wants of us?

MOVING FORWARD

Choose three good works that you will do for the Lord this week that you do not usually do. Pray about it fervently. Ask the Lord for help so you can do it with a good attitude to please Him and thus make the ‘work’ a “good work.”

CHANGING YOUR MIND

⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — ⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.” [Ephesians 2:8-10](#)