## God Has A Purpose for **Everyone**.

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Many times in our Christian life when problems happen we blame ourselves and feel useless. You notice I said that we **feel** useless. Our emotions are believing the lie of Satan that we are worthless; the lie that it is all up to us to control things in our lives! And if we can't, our flesh wants us to feel shameful because we can't do something to fix the problem. However, God is the One Who is able to fix our problems. And, He will if we let Him. By learning His word in the Bible through the power of the Holy Spirit we can get back to God's way of thinking. God has a purpose for us!

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumberance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



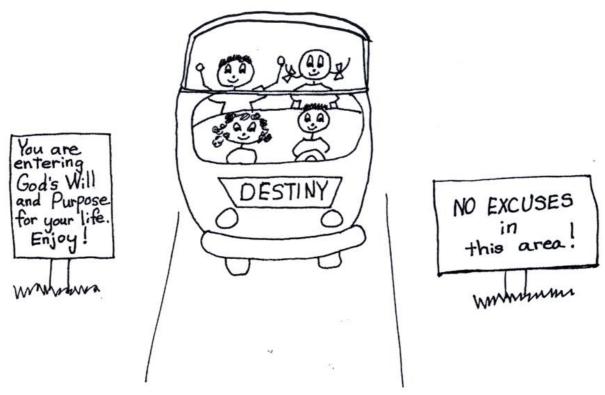
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God made us to rely on Him. In order for us to come to God, the Holy Spirit lets us know that we are sinners – every one of us! He then makes the Gospel available to us: Jesus Christ, the God-Man, paid the price on the cross for all of our sins; He died, was buried and rose from the dead. He then ascended into Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus Christ solved the sin issue. He made it posssible for everyone to go to heaven! As unbelievers, we just have to believe in His finished work for salvation. We can't do anything for salvation except believe in Jesus Christ and what He did for us. He did everything for us so that we could live with Him forever! We are to rely on God, not on ourselves!



John 3:16 For God so loved the world, the He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

According to God's purpose, He has given each one of us a different personality and abilities. We are each unique and special in God's eyes. He gave us the personality and abilities we have so we can do the job He wants us to do. Every job has specific needs and duties. For example, a fireman needs to learn all about putting out fires and rescuing people from fires. He or she needs to be strong. The fireman's duty is to help put out fires and rescue people. Not everyone's job is to be a fireman. God has a special purpose for each one of us.

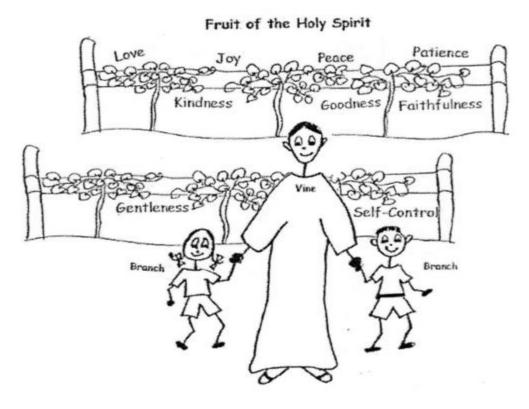


Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

Some people don't do their jobs the way they should, but God still uses them for His purpose. Some do their job for selfish reasons. An example of this is in the Book of Esther. For selfish reasons, a man named Haman wanted to kill the Jews who were in the kingdom of Ahasuerus. He told the king that there were people who had different laws than the king's laws. Haman said that they should be killed. King Ahasuerus said go ahead and have them killed. Haman had a gallow built on which he wanted to hang Mordecai, a Jew who would not bow down to Haman. Queen Esther saved the day. She told the king all about Haman and his evil plots. The Jews were saved from being killed and Haman was killed on the gallow he made! Read Esther 2-6.



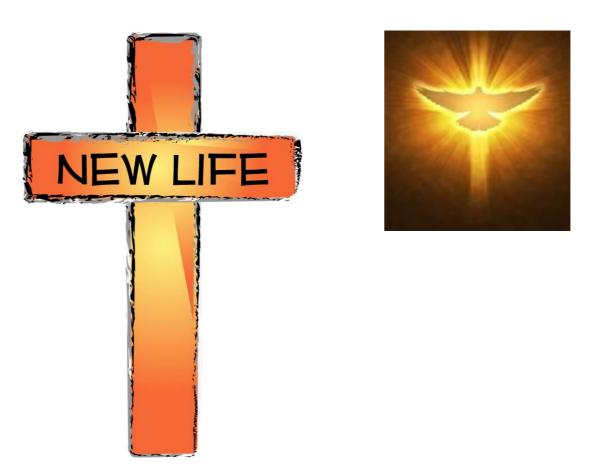
God loves us so much and wants us to be obedient sons and daughters. So, at salvation God the Holy Spirit baptizes us in Jesus Christ. This means He identifies us with Jesus Christ. He gives us abundant life - life in Jesus Christ. In Him we find our new life. When God sees us He sees who we are in Jesus Christ. Because of being a new creature in Christ, we are not useless or worthless! God considers us useful and precious! God is the One in charge and He uses us to do His will. As obedient sons and daughters, He uses us to bring His love to others. He wants others to identify us as Christians by the way we think and act.



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. KJV 2 Corinthians 5:17

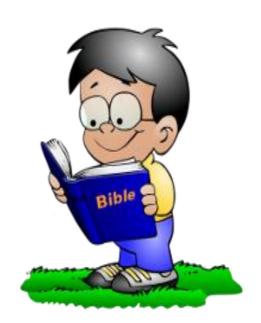
Thinking we are useless is a heavy load which we put on ourselves! It takes away our peace with God! It takes away our thinking of who we are in Christ. It makes us self-centered, being too concerned with our self. Jesus Christ took the load of ALL of our sins and paid for them on the cross. We can put our hope or confidence in Jesus Christ!

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



When we feel useless and worthless, we are actually thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. That seems strange, but we are thinking that we should be able to solve our problems with our viewpoint. WRONG! We have to use God's viewpoint. When we look at our actions with God's viewpoint, we use what God the Holy Spirit has taught us through the Bible. We apply God's word to our situation instead of our fleshly way of thinking.

Proverbs 3:7-8 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones.



Sometimes - many times - using God's viewpoint means waiting on God and His timing to solve the problem. It means having faith that He will get us through the situation. He may not take the situation away but He will help us through it. We just have to continue to rely and trust in God. He knows what He is doing! God is all-knowing or omniscient! GOD will make His purpose for our lives happen!

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding! In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.



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