

**Why Am I Here?**  
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*The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.*

**Romans 12:3b (MSG)**

*It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living.*

**Ephesians 1:11 (MSG)**

- I understand why I am here when **I make God the reference point in my life.**

*For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels--everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.*

**Colossians 1:16 (MSG)**

**Why am I here?**

**1. I'm here because of God's Love.**

*Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.*

**Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)**

*The LORD created the heavens. God formed the earth and made it. He set it up. He did not create it to be empty but formed it to be inhabited.*

**Isaiah 45:18 (GWT)**

*Long ago, even before he made the world, God choose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us... His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!*

**Ephesians 1:4-5 (LB)**

**2. I'm here to prepare.**

*God withdrew from Hezekiah in order to test him and to see what was really in his heart.*

**2 Chronicles 32:31 (NIV)**

- God already knows what's in my heart...  
**So testing is for my benefit.**

*We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us – they help us learn to endure. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation.*

**Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)**

*Blessed are those who endure when they are tested. When they pass the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. **James 1:12 (GWT)***

**3. I'm here to bring glory to God.**

*For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory. To him be glory evermore.*

**Romans 11:36 (LB)**

*The heavens declare the glory of God...*

**Psalms 19:1 (NIV)**

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory...*

**Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)**

*Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory.*

**Isaiah 43:7 (NLT)**

**4. I'm here to make a difference.**

*In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. **John 17:18 (MSG)***

- I am **on a mission from God!**

*God is our Maker, and in our union with Christ, he has created us for a life of good works, which he has already prepared for us to do.*

**Ephesians 2:10 (GN)**

*He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.<sup>16</sup> So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! <sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.*

**2 Corinthians 5:15-18 (NLT)**