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Why am I Here? Ephesians 1:11-14

"As far as I can see, there is no purpose [to life]." -Isaac Asimov

"In [Christ] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." –Ephesians 1:11-14

1. I was ______ in mind.

"even as <u>he chose us</u> in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will." –Ephesians 1:4-5

"Unless you assume the existence of God, the question of life's meaning and purpose is irrelevant." –Bertrand Russell

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." –Genesis 1:27

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." –Psalm 139:13-14, 16

"For I know the <u>plans I have for you</u>," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." –Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV 1984)

2. I was created to

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"so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be <u>to the</u> praise of his glory." –Ephesians 1:12

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." –Romans 11:36

"I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do." –John 17:4

3. I was created to live

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"...our citizenship is in heaven..." –Philippians 3:20

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." –2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV 1984)

*All Scripture ESV unless otherwise noted.



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