

# SERMON NOTES



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**“God made me to love me!”**

## **In Christ We Find Our:**

### **1. Identity**

- Finding your identity in Christ is crucial to fulfilling your destiny.

### **2. Integrity**

- Christ “completes” us.
- Become whole and complete in Christ.
- You will no longer have to compare or concede yourself to others or seek their approval.
- We are made “complete” and “whole” because of God’s love.

### **3. Dignity**

### **4. Simplicity**

- Have Focus – Have Power!
- The more simple your life becomes, the more focus you have.
- Focus on God – Be a God pleaser!

### **5. Destiny**

## **Ephesians 1:11 – 12 (MSG)**

<sup>11-12</sup> 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, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

- In Christ find out who you are and what your purpose is.
- Find out the person you are to become.
- Find out who God created you to be.
- Do what God created you to do.
- Changing your thinking will affect your believing and then change your behavior.

## Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

<sup>15-18</sup> We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. 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. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

- Until you find Christ, you are wasting your life.
- Live what you are destined to be and designed to do!
- Find your start and purpose through Christ.

## Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

<sup>3-6</sup> How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. 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. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

- Live intentional!
- Live with a purpose!
- The focus on God's love is "Me."
- God made me to love me!
- We are the object of God's love.
- We are the object of God's affection, attention, care and concern.
- God's protection and provision is giving to me.
- God gives His peace, joy and fulfillment.

**"The highest expression of love is giving."**

### Why God Made Me:

1. To love me
2. To have a family
3. To love Him back
4. To worship Him

## Hosea 6:6 (TLB)

<sup>6</sup> "I don't want your sacrifices—I want your love; I don't want your offerings—I want you to know me."

- God wants a relationship with us.
- God wants us to know Him.
- The more revelation you get from God's love, the easier it is to love God back.

## Jude 1:1 (CEV)

<sup>1</sup> To all who are chosen and loved by God the Father and are kept safe by Jesus Christ.

- We are called to live in the love of God.

## Revelation 4:11 (MSG)

<sup>9-11</sup> Every time the Animals gave glory and honor and thanks to the One Seated on the Throne—the age-after-age Living One—the Twenty-four Elders would fall prostrate before the One Seated on the Throne. They worshiped the age-after-age Living One. They threw their crowns at the foot of the Throne, chanting:

Worthy, O Master! Yes, our God!  
Take the glory! the honor! the power!  
You created it all;  
It was created because you wanted it.

- God created you because He wants you.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God make YOU?
2. Challenge: Ask yourself what is the most important thing in your life?  
Answer: The most important thing in your life should be your relationship with God. This affects your relationships with others and receiving approval from others.
3. Take Home: Get a “revelation” of who God is and His “love” for you.

## Resources:

If you would like to look at “**Why God Made Me**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

