

"PURPOSE IN GRACE ALONE!" – FEBRUARY 28, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16; ROMANS 4:13-25; MARK 8:31-38
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

‘Why am I here?’ ‘What is the meaning of life?’ ‘What is my purpose?’ If someone could find the simple answer to these questions that satisfied everyone, many books would be sold. Questions like these can either wear us down, or drive us to dig deeper. The findings we discover along our journey can do the same. When it comes to our spiritual walk, these questions are often at the center of balancing faith and purpose. ‘Why has God placed me here?’ ‘What is the meaning of my life in Christ?’ ‘What is God’s purpose for me?’ As we hear in Mark today, Jesus tells the disciples why he is here, what the meaning and purpose are for his suffering and death and resurrection. Of course, Peter challenges the purpose. Still looking for the answers? A lot of Books have been sold - The #1 Bestseller of all time has the answer! As our Lenten journey goes forward, let us seek and surrender to the purpose God has for us in our Savior, The One who came to fulfill God’s every purpose in grace alone!

1. Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is my purpose? What is God calling me to do? What is my mission? Good questions. Good questions to ask The Holy Spirit to answer in God’s grace alone. Mark 8:31-33
 - A. Life’s events and life’s journey and our walk in The Spirit find us asking these questions.
 - B. No better person to ask, than Christ who has come to us, to fulfill God’s every purpose in God’s grace alone!

2. Do you ever wonder what today is for, why God sent you? Be alive and anew! Trust The Spirit is ready, forever revealing, continuing to make known, and we will see our purpose, our meaning, our life, our answers are not in the human, but in the divine, in the grace alone of Jesus Christ!
 - A. It is only human to feel secure in the human. Mark 8:33

- B. The Spirit will come to us again and again to reveal our purpose, our mission, is to trust God's purpose in grace alone:
- i. To be part of the covenant; to be God's. Genesis 17:7
 - ii. To believe; we are God's. Romans 4:20-25
 - iii. To surrender; to let God be God. Mark 8:34-38
3. Trust The Spirit is driving us to give God our very best! As we share this Lenten season, be alive and anew, spring up, and trust Jesus' purpose, Jesus' mission, is to make clear God's purpose, in grace alone! Trust "thy will," God's will and purpose, are complete for you in Jesus Christ, giving you purpose, revealing your true meaning, identity, and calling for a life time, for all eternity in grace alone!
Romans 4:13-16; Mark 8:31