

GOD MADE YOU FOR A REASON

Matthew 22:37-38

Introduction: Why did God create the world? Why did God put animals on it? Why did God make a man and then a woman? The world was created for man. Animals were created for man. Man was created for God. God wanted to have an everlasting relationship with man and He did for a while until man sinned and God had to withdraw Himself from man. God has since made a way for man to be restored to that once close fellowship and that has been done through Jesus Christ, God's Son. As believers in God's Son, Christians are God's children.

I. CREATED FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. Is your relationship with God as God wants it?
2. Everything in your Christian life relates to the quality of your relationship with God.
 - Choir, Teaching, Sunday School, worship, giving.
 - Committees, Deacons, visiting, praying.
 - Bible study, witnessing, loving.
 - Forgiving, obeying, etc.
3. Your relationship with God is more important than any other single factor in your life.
 - Remember the hymn, "I'd Rather Have Jesus..."? Can you sing it honestly?

II. GOD INITIATES THE RELATIONSHIP HE WANTS

1. God knew you before you were born.
2. God brought you into this world to love and to be loved back.
3. God sought you out and brought you unto Himself, into His Family.
4. YOU belong to God, not the world.

III. GOD WANTS A REAL, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

1. God wants to provide for YOU here.
2. God wants you to be involved in HIS work here.
3. God wants a daily fellowship.

CONCLUSION:

1. God made you to love and to love Him back.
2. Everything in your Christian life relates to your relationship with God.
3. God wants OUR love more than OUR works.
4. God sought YOU out of this world and drew you to Him and is preparing a place for YOU.