## God's purpose for your life

I. What does the Bible say?

Romans 8:28-29

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and sister* 

## 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is freedom. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Philippians 3:10-14

<sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already grasped *it all* or have already become **perfect**, but I press on if I may also take hold of that for which I was even taken hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brothers *and sisters*, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of *it yet*; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:19

<sup>19</sup> My children, with whom I am again in labor until **Christ is formed in you**—

1 John 2:11-14

<sup>12</sup> I am writing to you, little **children**, because your sins have been forgiven you on account of His name. <sup>13</sup> I am writing to you, **fathers**, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. <sup>14</sup> I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one

## 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

<sup>6</sup> You also became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an **example** to all the

believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For **the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you**, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place *the news of* your faith toward God has gone out, so that we have no need to say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report about us as to the kind of reception we had with you, and how **you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,** <sup>10</sup> **and to wait for His Son from heaven,** whom He raised from the dead, *that is*, Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come.

- II. What is our take away?
- 1. God has a <u>purpose</u> for your life
- 2. God is committed to accomplishing His purpose for your life
- 3. God uses <u>circumstances</u>, <u>people and the church</u> to accomplish His purpose for your life
- 4. I can cooperated with God with God as He accomplishes His purpose for my life
- 5. I need a <u>disciplined plan</u> to work with God as He accomplishes His purpose for my life