

8 reasons why God created Humankind

- 1) God created Humankind to fill the Earth with beings in the image and likeness of Himself.
- 2) God created Humankind to reveal His own heart and nature as love, by dying for us. Before He could do that, He needed the human race so that He could take on a physical body and become one of us.
- 3) God created Humankind with a free moral choice (free will) so that we could be tested, tried and purified in every aspect of living, being and doing. His ultimate purpose is to conform us to the image of Christ, and prepare us to co-reign with Him in eternity.
- 4) God created Humankind with the power of procreation so that He could father a genetic, biological Son rather than just a created Son. Adam was a created Son, but Jesus was the actual biological begotten Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. In this way, God fulfilled His nature as an everlasting Father.
- 5) God created the human race in order to provide a many-membered Bride for His Son. The love of Christ is so deep and unfathomable, and so extensive that only a Bride consisting of billions of human beings could even begin to absorb it and return enough love to Him to fill His heart. As the Bride of Christ, we are being prepared for our role of reigning with Him in eternity.
- 6) God created Humankind in order to bring about the Church, which is not only the Bride of Christ, but the Body of Christ on Earth. Whereas the Bride reflects more of our relationship with Christ as well as our ruling with Him in eternity, the Church is the expression of Christ's Body on Earth, called to co-labour with Him as joint heirs and as an army under His command to go on the offensive against the enemy. Although birthed at a specific point in time, the Church is eternal, and our service and ministry will continue on beyond this life.
- 7) God created Humankind to offer praise and worship to Him. He alone is worthy of our praise and worship, because He alone is higher than we are.
- 8) God created Humankind for fellowship with Him. This entails spending time with Him and talking to Him in prayer, and listening to Him talk to us through the Holy Spirit, and through His Word, the Bible.

Remember, Christianity is not a 'bless me' club that exists to give us comfort, bliss and prosperity. Forget the 'holy huddle' mentality; God is more interested in making us righteous, than in making us comfortable. He is not a God of convenience and half-measures, and furthermore knows if our true intentions and motives are sincere, or merely tokenism for the sake of appearances. Do not be a spiritual poser; God knows the difference!

Fellowship with Christ therefore involves our willingness to identify with Him in every way, including His suffering.

Being a true Christian certainly means enjoying the peace, presence and prosperity of Christ, but it also means denying ourselves (dying to self), taking up our cross daily and following Him. This requires our total obedience, reliance, trust and faith in terms of allowing the unfolding of His perfect will and spiritual destiny for our lives.