

1 Peter 2:21-25

The Purpose of Life

1 Peter 2:21–25 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1. In the beginning God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit had a _____, a goal, a _____, and _____ were it. **Isaiah 46:9-11; 1 Peter 2:21.**
2. God's purpose was to _____ heaven with people like Himself who would _____ with Him, who would _____ Him. **Genesis 1:26; John 17:24; Romans 8:28; Psalm 8:5.**
3. The problem is that any _____ being would be _____ than God by the very fact that they were created. **Psalm 8:5.**
4. So God in His wisdom came up with a _____ to make us like _____ . **1 John 3:2.**
5. The first requirement of this plan so that our relationship with Him was real was that we needed to be able to _____ to _____ Him. **Joshua 24:15.**
6. For the _____ to be legitimate there needed to be an _____ choice. **Jeremiah 2:13; Judges 10:13.**
7. The _____ was created by God to do exactly what he did to Adam and Eve and has been doing through the ages, work at _____ us from God; he is our _____. **2 Corinthians 11:3; Luke 7:30.**
8. The result of being given _____ was that we would _____, and God knew that. **1 Peter 1:20.**
9. So, a major part of the plan was how to take _____ of the _____ problem that we would have and that would keep us _____ of heaven.

10. The plan that Jesus would come to earth _____ like us and _____ for our _____ was planned from the very beginning. **2 Tim. 1:9; John 12:27; Eph. 1:3-4, 8-11.**
11. Once we were born again a major part of God's plan was to _____ us so that we wouldn't be _____ in _____. **1 Corinthians 3:1-2.**
12. God wants to _____ us and for us to _____ Him. **Psalm 16:11.**
13. His _____ of us and our _____ of Him will be as a result of us being the _____ in character.
14. Character is not _____ in a _____ of time, it is _____ and developed over time. **Romans 8:28-29.**
15. God in His wisdom created the _____ and life to be the perfect _____ to _____ us into the image of Christ. **Ephesians 4:13-15.**
16. God is going to do His part to _____ us to grow but there are some things we must do to _____ with God's _____ in our life. **2 Cor. 6:1.**
17. We must _____ to grow and _____ character growth _____. **Philippians 3:12-14.**
18. We must be faithful to the _____ disciplines of the Christian life that God designed to facilitate _____ character growth in us, like _____ is for physical growth. **1 Peter 2:2.**
19. The most powerful _____ that God has to cause us to grow is _____. **1 Peter 2:21-25; Hebrews 2:10.**
20. _____ won't cause us to grow if we _____ about it, in fact grumbling will cause us to go _____ in our character growth. **James 1:2-4.**
21. Those who _____ well understand the _____ of trials and they want to grow and are _____ trials in their life as the major cause of character growth. **1 Peter 4:1-2.**
22. God loves to give His _____, joy and peace to those who understand the purpose of trials and _____ and _____ Him. **Psalm 34:17-19.**