

## 03 • A Messenger Of His Grace

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD that will stand.

(Prov 19:21)

**Our Creator has purposes.** Purposes are the reasons **why** something exists or is done, and “the LORD has made everything for its purpose” (Prov 16:4).

One of the most important things we can do is pause every once in a while and ask, “**What’s my purpose?**” So far, we’ve learned: **(1)** God wants me to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of his **name** so that others can see through me, “God is great.” **(2)** God wants me to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of his **character** so that others can see through me, “God is good.”

In our last lesson of this series, we want to focus in on this fact: “God wants me to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.” As disciples of Jesus, “**we are** [God’s] \_\_\_\_\_, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**” (Eph 2:8-10). What will it *look* like to “**walk in**” those good works? How does a **messenger** of God’s **grace** live? A few examples...

- ▶ **1 Peter 4:10-11**: as each has received a gift, use it to \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- ▶ **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**: the God of all comfort comforts us in all our affliction, so that \_\_\_\_\_ may be able to comfort others
- ▶ **Ephesians 4:31-32**: as God in Christ forgave you, \_\_\_\_\_ one another
- ▶ **Matthew 5:16**: let \_\_\_\_\_ light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give \_\_\_\_\_ to your Father who is in heaven

**What’s my purpose?** To build a relationship with the God who is great and good, and to make it clear to everyone around me by the way I live: “**God wants to build a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.**”



### For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ When you hear the words, “**we are his workmanship**” (Eph 2:10), what comes to your mind?
- ▶ What happens when we, the “**workmanship,**” forget the truth of **Ephesians 2:8-9**?
- ▶ We heard the call in **1 Peter 4:10**, “**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.**” How would you paraphrase that verse in your own words?
- ▶ What are some examples of “**a gift**” you might have received from “**the LORD who has made everything for its purpose**”?
- ▶ How can those “**gifts**” be used to “**serve**” others?
- ▶ How can we communicate by the lives we live, “**God wants to build a relationship with you**”?
- ▶ What might get in the way of clearly communicating that truth if we’re not careful, and why is that a really, really big deal?