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MEANT FOR MORE: PURPOSE ROMANS 8:28-30

Original purpose. Gen. 1-3

- To **fellowship** with God. Gen. 1:26-31; 2:7
- To live one's life without **sin**. Gen. 2:15-25
- To live one's life without problems, **troubles**, and loss.

Purpose restored. Rom. 8:28-30

- He calls us to a **relationship** with Him. Rom. 8:28-30; John 1:12; Rev. 3:20; John 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9; John 12:33; 6:44
- He seeks to **conform** us into His image. Rom. 8:29; 12:1-2; Gen. 1:26-27; 2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Pet. 1:4; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 3:18
- He calls us to **live** with Him forever. Rom. 8:30; 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:18; Eph. 1:18; Col. 3:4

Purpose (conforming). Rom. 8:28-29

- God uses **events** and circumstances to conform us. Rom. 8:28-29; Gen. 22:1-20; 50:20; Matt. 26:67-75; Acts 2-8; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Rom. 5:4-5
- By our **obedience** we will be conformed (spiritual maturity). Rom. 8:29; 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 3:1-3; Heb. 5:11-6:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:13-16; 2 Pet. 3:18
 - Spiritual maturity comes in **living** by the Word of God. Josh. 1:7-8; Matt. 4:4; Ps. 119:1-3, 11, 97-105; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:15
 - Spiritual maturity comes in **communication** with God. Neh. 1:4-11; 4:14; 8:6; 9:32; Matt. 6:9; Deut. 28:30; 28:14; 1 John 1:9; Ps. 66:18; Prov. 28:13; Ex. 14:13-31