

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 2

What is God's purpose? What is His plan?

1. The plan was set forth in **Genesis 1**. He created the heaven, earth, seas, stars, animals & fish, all for the purpose of man. **Genesis 1:26**: (God speaking to Jesus, hand in hand creating everything from beginning) " And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Man is given a soul. **Genesis 2:7**: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." That makes man different than any living creature. Given a soul, we have a free-will choice to believe in Jesus Christ.

2. God created man for His purpose, His pleasure. And the pleasure was for man to believe in Christ (accept Jesus as the sacrifice for sins) and be resurrected into heaven someday with the Father and the Son. **Ephesians 1:5**: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will."

3. God put us here to grow in grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. **II Peter 3:18**: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." That is done by Grace, through knowing the Word, and through prayerful hearts for strength to live the Gospel, and living a life tendered toward the leading of the Spirit.

(Story: Adam and Eve)