

The Purpose of Man is to know and love and walk with God.

Genesis 3:8 (NASB 2020)

8 Now they **heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Philippians 3:7-11 (NASB 2020)

7 But whatever things were gain to me, these things I have counted as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value **of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them mere rubbish, so that I may gain Christ**, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Revelation 22:1-5 (NASB 2020)

1 And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, 2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; 4 **they will see His face**, and His name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever.

Exodus 33:11 (NKJV)

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, **as a man speaks to his friend**. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

James 2:23 (NKJV)

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "**Abraham** believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." **And he was called the friend of God.**

John 15:13-17 (NKJV)

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. **15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends**, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

God Tells His Secrets to His Close Friends

Daniel 10:11 (NKJV)

11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, **man greatly beloved**, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

John 21:20-24 (NKJV)

20 Then Peter, turning around, saw **the disciple whom Jesus loved** following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

24 **This is the disciple who testifies of these things**, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

John 13:23-26 (NKJV)

23 Now **there was leaning on Jesus' bosom** one of His disciples, **whom Jesus loved**. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. 25 Then, **leaning back on Jesus' breast**, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 **Jesus answered...**

Genesis 5:24 (NKJV)

24 And **Enoch walked with God**; and he was not, for God took him.

The Design of Man is to Be Like God.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Ephesians 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Therefore **be imitators of God** as dear children.

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

John 5:19 (NKJV)

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do**; for **whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner**."