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Biblical Reasons Why God Made You & I

From: 11/09 Hunger for Truth

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This article can also be titled “**Born to Serve the Lord**”. We read throughout the Bible how God created men and women in His own image (*i.e. Gen. 1:26-27, 2:18-23*). Our sinful nature often causes us to take our mind off the reasons we were created and that is that God wants all to be saved (*i.e. Titus 2:11*) and being made in His image we are born to serve the Lord. Salvation is simply defined as “repentance (of sin) toward God and faith in Jesus Christ alone as one’s personal Lord and Savior from the penalty of, the power of, and someday...the presence of sin”. He wants all who believe in Him to grow in knowledge of

Him and serve Him the rest of their lives with all their heart, soul and mind (*Matt. 22:37*).
Serving the Lord is living and doing not just hearing and knowing!

You and I were not born to serve the world! You and I were not born to serve the flesh! And you and I certainly were not born to serve the devil! My friend, you and I were truly “**born to serve the Lord**” who is our great Creator and Savior. In the outline below I will analyze these truths using the Bible. You will see how it starts for the true believer from birth, to salvation, until we go home to be with the Lord either by death or by rapture.

A. We are born physically

1. Ps. 51:5, 58:3 – we are born in sin

B. We are to be born spiritually (Salvation, Born Again)

1. John 3:3-8 – Jesus said, “Ye MUST be born again”
2. John 1:12-13 – Born of God by receiving Him in faith believing
3. I Pet 1:23 – Born by the Word of God
4. I John 5:4-5 – Faith in Christ is the Victory that overcomes the world

C. We are to deny self and live the rest of our lives for the Lord as true believers

1. I Cor. 6:20, 7:23 - You are bought with a price (the precious blood of Christ)
2. II Cor. 5:17-18 - You are not your own (Don’t live your life as if it is your own) (Christ is your Lord) (He should be Lord of all aspects of your life)
3. I Thes. 2:13-14, 5:23- Progressive sanctification begins immediately after one is genuinely saved (sanctification is of the Holy Spirit)
 - a. II Pet. 3:18 - Grow in grace becoming more and more like Christ (this growth can vary. That is why it is called progressive sanctification)
 - b. II Cor. 3:18, Rom. 12:1-2 - By God’s grace and the Spirit’s power we are being “Changed into His Image”
4. We are to practice separation from the world, flesh, and the devil
 - a. Bible Study (deep, diligent, searching the scriptures) - Ps. 1:1-2, Acts 17:10-11, John 16:13, II Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17 (Right Spirit led dividing of the word to prevent confusion and contradiction) (Taking all the passage into context)
 - b. Prayer (effectual, fervent) - James 5:16
 - c. Praising God (in song) (for who God is and what He can and will do) – Ps. 34:1, (*Most of the book of Psalms*)
 - d. Witnessing – Mark 16:15, Prov. 11:30
 - e. Church attendance and service in your local New Testament, Bible Believing, Baptist church (faithful, diligent) – Heb. 10:25, 1 Tim. 3:15
 - f. Discipling others (i.e. newly saved) (Paul & Timothy) - I Thes. 5:11
 - g. Fellowship w/ other believers – Acts 2:42, II Cor. 8:4, Phil. 2:1-2, I John 1:3-4,7
 - h. Study godly books from those of like precious faith (use godly discernment) – Prov. 15:28, II Tim. 2:15
5. We are not to be indifferent
 - a. Matt. 25:14-30 – Parable of the talents
 - b. Eph. 4:7- All believers receive talent(s) to use for His honor and glory and these should not be kept to yourself or used rarely. We need to desire to advance, grow, and serve more with a goal and purpose. We should say daily, “Lord here I am. What would you have me to do today?”

- c. Matt. 25:15, Luke 12:48 – The key to these verses is how responsible we are to what we do with God’s word and for God. Are we diligent and laboring for God, or are we slothful and indifferent?
- d. Matt. 25:18-19 – In this dispensation of Grace... (“we are currently in between these two verses. We are awaiting our own personal reckoning based on our present stewardship”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- e. Matt. 25:21, Luke 16:10 – Will you and I hear those words “Well Done, thy good and faithful servant?” (“He was praised, not for his success, but for his responsible and faithful attention to his trust.”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- f. II Cor. 8:12 – (“We will be judged according to our capacity, not that of someone else”- *Dr. Ron Williams*)
- g. Matt. 25:26-28 – Do you really want to have your talent taken from you and suffer loss and shame due to laziness, slothfulness, and indifference?
- h. 7 Causes of indifference are: (*By: Dr. Ron Williams*)
 - 1. Fear of failure
 - 2. Never trying to succeed
 - 3. Fear of life’s pressures
 - 4. Lack of imagination
 - 5. Lack of initiative
 - 6. Lack of courage
 - 7. Lack of determination

D. We will someday, by death or by rapture go home to heaven for all eternity!

- 1. I Thes. 4:17 – The rapture is imminent

These can only be accomplished by God’s grace through the Holy Spirit’s power alone. As believers, we should be willing to give ALL our time, talent and treasure to Him for it belongs to Him. We should be willing to give to others and help others in need. Faith in and obedience to the Lord is the key. It is not by our own strength! It is His strength! The clay hath no power over the potter! Can the clay mold itself? (*Job 33:6; Prov. 16:3,9; Isa. 29:16, 45:9, 64:8; Jer. 18:4-6; Rom. 9:21*) Without Him we can do nothing! Without Him we shall surely fail! God made you and I that we would have a passion to think about Him, a passion to be with Him, and a passion to give to and serve Him.

Thank you for reading this. I know it is deep and has many messages within it. I praise God for allowing me to write this and use this for His honor and glory. In closing, my dear brother and sister in Christ, I hope this has helped you clearly see that though...sadly...not all will be saved, all are indeed “born to serve the Lord”. You and I need to ask this question daily, “Am I faithfully serving and giving my all to the Lord?”

Continued below in “Eleven Aspects of a True Believer's Life”

Eleven Aspects of a True Believer's Life

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Eleven Aspects of a True Believer’s Life (In order)

- 1. Born physically
- 2. Born spiritually (born again)
- 3. Progressive sanctification with separation from the world, flesh, and the devil

4. Bible Study (deep, dilligent, searching the scriptures)
5. Prayer (effectual, fervent) (James 5:16)
6. Praise
7. Witnessing
8. Church attendance & service to your local NT church
9. Discipling others (i.e newly saved)
10. Fellowship with other believers (should be desired and should be often)
11. Study godly books from those of like precious faith

– *Most all of these are by faith in and obedience to the Lord* --
 – *“We are Born to Serve the Lord”* --

“Account” (Part 5) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “account” in the Bible. This word appears 31 times in the King James Version (*Account, Accounted, Accounting, Accounts*). For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Luke 16:2 - Clarke and Matthew Henry, I believe, best define this passage:

Give an account of thy, etc. - Produce thy books of receipts and disbursements, that I may see whether the accusation against thee be true or false. The original may be translated, Give up the business, τὸν λόγον, of the stewardship. (*Clarke's Commentary on the Bible*)

16:1-12 – Whatever we have, the property of it is God's; we have only the use of it, according to the direction of our great Lord, and for his honour. This steward wasted his lord's goods. And we are all liable to the same charge; we have not made due improvement of what God has trusted us with. The steward cannot deny it; he must make up his accounts, and be gone. This may teach us that death will come, and deprive us of the opportunities we now have. The steward will make friends of his lord's debtors or tenants, by striking off a considerable part of their debt to his lord. The lord referred to in this parable commended not the fraud, but the policy of the steward. In that respect alone is it so noticed. Worldly men, in the choice of their object, are foolish; but in their activity, and perseverance, they are often wiser than believers. The unjust steward is not set before us as an example in cheating his master, or to justify any dishonesty, but to point out the careful ways of worldly men. It would be well if the children of light would learn wisdom from the men of the world, and would as earnestly pursue their better object. The true riches signify spiritual blessings; and if a man spends upon himself, or hoards up what God has trusted to him, as to outward things, what evidence can he have, that he is an heir of God through Christ? The riches of this world are deceitful and uncertain. Let us be convinced that those are truly rich, and very rich, who are rich in faith, and rich toward God, rich in Christ, in the promises; let us then lay up our treasure in heaven, and expect our portion from thence. (*Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary*)

Acts 19:40 – Gill best defines this passage: For we are in danger of being called in question,.... Or are liable to be called to an account, reprov'd, and punished by the Roman proconsul, appointed over this city, or by the Roman emperor, or the Roman senate: for this day's uproar; it being capable of being interpreted as a riot, tumult, and sedition: there being no cause whereby we may give an account of

this concourse: or no reason can be assigned, why such a number of people should gather together; none can be given that will justify it, or that can be alleged in favour of it. (*Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible*)

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: 1 Thessalonians 5:13

Emotion(s): Esteeming highly in love, Peace

Cause: Loving your pastor

Effect: Encouragement, growth, wisdom and knowledge in the word, edification

What does the passage say?: You could title this segment of EITB "Love your Pastor". According to Eph. 4:11, your pastor is a gift from God to your church. Our text says that you should esteem him very highly in love, not because of his great talent or abilities, but for his work's sake. They are men, called of God, and sent out by their local church to serve Him. Many of these men could make a better living in the secular world, but they chose to give up all for His sake to preach the word! Praise God! He is there for you in sickness and in health, marriage and funerals and you can call on him for help. Praise God for your pastor!

What does the passage say to you and I?: In Hebrews 13, we find three things about you and your pastor: First, vs. 7 says to remember your pastor. That means to take care of him. See that his needs are met. The church is responsible to take care of their pastor, not as a deacon once prayed, "Lord you keep him humble; we will keep him poor." That is not loving your pastor. Look for his needs and try to meet them. Second, vs. 24 says to salute your pastor. Anyone who has been in the service knows what a salute means. You respect his position. He is the under shepherd who is to "take the oversight" and lead the flock, according to the Word of God! Lastly, in vs. 17, you are told to obey him as he is to watch for your soul. Most Christians do not like that word, "obey". We must note that "obey" is in the Bible. As long as your pastor is living right morally, follow and obey him. Your pastor wants to give an account to God for you with joy and not with grief (tears).

What should you and I do about it?: Love your pastor and be a help to him! Don't be a weight or burden on him and the work he is doing for the honor and glory of the Lord.

How do you and I stay accountable?: First, be faithful to your local church! Unless you are providentially hindered, strive to be there every time the doors are open! Second, pray for your pastor and his family daily and often! Lastly, create opportunities to get involved in the ministries of your church (outreach, cleaning, Sunday School, nursing home, etc.).

*The Very Few, The Very Humble,
The Evangelist Marine (Bro. Bill Behrens)*

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Title by: Andrew Lacroix



"And of some have compassion, making a difference; and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire..."
(Jude 22-23)

Our job is not to praise men, for the best of men are merely men at best. That quote is not ours by the way. However, on Friday May 3, we received news that was both devastating and comforting. More on this a bit later on.

The motto: "The Few. The Proud. The Marines." is used by the service group that bears its name as the last phrase in their statement. All of them, like any other service man and woman in any agency, are to be commended for their bravery and dedication in honoring and serving our country. Many of them never come back alive. Those that do face a major uphill climb. One of those men, who served in the Marines and was a Vietnam veteran, was Bro. Bill Behrens. Bro. Bill was also a drill instructor during his service with the U.S. Marine Corp. He served his country faithfully for many years!

Bro. Behrens was a Pennsylvania native, who resided in Carlisle, PA. After his service, he became a born again Christian and surrendered to the call of preaching. He became an evangelist, traveling to local independent Bible-believing churches all across this great nation as well as God and country rallies!

Sadly, in case you did not know, following meetings in late April at a church in eastern PA, Bro. Behrens became very ill with heart and kidney complications. He needed major surgery! Complications afterward sent him further back, and on Wednesday May 2, 2013, the Lord called Bro. Bill Behrens home to be with Him. It was Bro. Bill's victory graduation! He will be sorely missed but his legacy will continue...

We would like to share how God used Bro. Behrens as an influence in our lives:

Bro. Craig: "I first met Bro. Bill Behrens in March of 2000 at a Bible conference in Elkton, MD. I was amazed at his dynamic preaching style. He was the only preacher I've ever known that could also preach by the way he moved his eyes! To make a long story short, he preached on hell and evangelism and the Lord used that message mightily to greatly convict me about not being faithful in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. The Lord gave me a broken and contrite heart and a strong burden and passion for souls following going to the altar after that message. To this day, by God's grace, I strive to be a faithful witness, obeying God's great commission, whenever and wherever He leads!

I've seen and heard Bro. Behrens preach many more times following that day in Elkton, MD and I've always been edified, encouraged and convicted by Bro. Behren's preaching! He also had a close friend and fellow Evangelist who also served in the Marine Corp, Bro. Chuck Cofty. They often preached together at Bible conferences and God and Country Rallies. Bro. Cofty is also a powerful preacher of the word whom I've been edified, convicted and

encouraged by his preaching. As far as I know, he is still preaching today! My heart goes out to Bro. Cofty and his family as well in this trying time.

Bro. Behrens will be greatly missed! I am thankful that Christians never say goodbye! I look forward to seeing Bro. Bill in glory someday!"

Bro. Andrew: "In 2008, Bro. Craig, who was a very close friend of mine whom I worked with in Allentown, PA, invited me to hear Bro. Behrens at a church I had passed by many times in my life before ever stepping foot in it once. This church was an Independent Baptist Church located in Catasauqua, PA, a town of maybe 6500 people. The church was having evangelistic meetings that week and Bro. Behrens was the speaker. I had nothing better to do, honestly, and Craig and I were good friends. I was taught to honor my friends growing up, and so I did as such, at least with Craig. Bro. Behrens preached a powerful message the first night I went, and gave an opportunity to receive Christ, which I rejected that night.

Yet three nights later, I wanted to hear Bro. Behrens again, and went on Thursday evening, June 26, 2008. Bro. Behrens gave a sad but true story of a couple who lived in Hershey, PA who came to hear Bro. Behrens preach, and they were convicted, but never went forward. That night, at a Hershey intersection, they got into a fatal accident. My heart broke as he spoke of Hell and an eternal separation from God! I began to shake as he had everyone bow their heads and close their eyes. He gave an invitation to come forward. I whispered to Bro. Craig to let me through and he did. I blindly walked forward, and the Pastor of that church turned me over to another man who showed me what was necessary for me to receive Christ as my Saviour and not have to worry about Hell for the rest of my life. Praise God!

The next night, I went back to that church where Bro. Behrens preached, and mentioned me as getting saved the previous night. The last time I saw and heard Bro. Behrens in person was on March 16, 2009, at a Bible conference in Elkton, MD. He did remember me, but that was of little importance. He, along with evangelist Bro. Chuck Cofty, preached two good messages that I have recorded in my notebook. I also listened to several recorded messages that he preached previously.

I was surprised when I heard of his passing, and felt bad, knowing I couldn't be there for his funeral to testify of God's Work in him leading to God's work in me, but also felt comforted, knowing that one day myself, I will reunite with Bro. Behrens and every other believer in Heaven, and we will have an eternity to thank God for His work in all of our lives and His overwhelming, all sufficient grace in saving us from an eternity like the couple from Hershey suffered if they didn't trust Christ.

Bro. Behrens was just one of the people God used to humble me to the point that I would repent and receive Christ."

In closing, our prayers go out to Bro. Behrens family and Bro. Chuck Cofty that they would be comforted in the home going of this great man of God! Bro. Behrens served this great country of ours, died a hero to this great country and a true hero of the faith!

- May 4 & 6, 2013

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Who Does God Save?

Matthew 7:1-29

Message by *Pastor Caswell Reeves*

God saves man (John 3:16)

God saves sinners (Matthew 1:21)

God saves the lost (Luke 19:10)

What are those who are saved like?



- I. They are the Discerners (1-6)
 - A. Who judge themselves (1-6)
 - B. Who judge the warnings that God gives (13-23)
 - 1. the gate (13-14)
 - 2. the false preachers (15-20)
 - a. their looks are deceiving (15)
 - b. their fruits are revealing (16-20)
 - 3. the words and actions (21-23)
- II. They are the Askers (inquisitive) (7-11)
 - A. The truth of asking is you receive (7-8)
 - B. The truth illustrated (9-11)
- III. They are the Honest (12)
 - A. Desiring to do what is right
 - B. Desiring to have done to them what is right
- IV. They are the Believers (24-29)
 - A. The character of belief: hearing and doing (24a)
 - B. The conclusion: a wise man (24b)

Are you the kind of person who will get saved?

**The Above is a message by Pastor Cas Reeves from the 4/28 issue of The Heritage Herald.
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:) Children For Christ :)

Songs in The Bible

Memory Verse: *Psalm 118:24* – “This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Look up these verses and see if you can name the hymn that uses the verse:

1. 1 Peter 1:18 _____
2. Psalm 27:1 _____
3. Psalm 118:24 _____
4. Mark 4:21 _____
5. 1 Timothy 1:17 _____

<p>“You can have harmony with God and friction with people, or you can have harmony with people and friction with God. You choose.”</p>	<p>“Their are so many ways that people can die, but only ONE Way that people can live!” <i>(John 14:6, John 3:16)</i></p>
<p>“The flesh is: Fruitless Lustful Enemy Senseless Hopeless”</p> <p><i>(Pastor Don Greene)</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Praise God for nearly 1,000 marked NT distributed in Walpole, MA since 4/11! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th.• Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)• Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation)• Rusty and family, Jose, Rudney (Salvation)• Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church

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Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**His Servants,
Craig Glickman
Prov. 3:5-6**

**Andrew Lacroix
1 Thes. 5:18**

