

What Does “Living Fully” Mean?

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10b)

A *full life* is one in which we become more and more like Jesus Christ by consistently carrying out the purposes God created us for. Those purposes are:

1. **Worship** – You were created to love, honor, and trust God in an eternal relationship through his son Jesus Christ, and to regularly express that love through acts of worship (acknowledging His supremacy and giving thanks and glory to Him in all that you do).

Jesus replied: “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” (Matthew 37-38)

2. **Fellowship** – You were created to extend your loving relationship with God to others, in a community of believers united together by their love for God and for each other.

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35)

3. **Discipleship** – You were created to live and love like Jesus – the only perfect human and the exact image of God’s character – becoming more and more like him each day through the leading and work of the Holy Spirit and practices that facilitate that work.

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his son, so that his son would be first among many brothers and sisters. (Romans 8:29)

4. **Ministry** – You were created to serve God by serving others in your church, your community, and the world; to give of your time, talents and treasure so that the love of Christ that is in you would be on display for the world to see and be changed by.

*For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus **so** we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)*

5. **Mission** – You were created for a global purpose: to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a lost and hurting world so that they too would accept the gift of Grace and be added to the eternal Kingdom of God. In his Great Commission, Jesus told us to

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)