

## **The Life We're Meant To Live**

How to Establish a "spiritual BASE" for Your Life (from the Bible)

**Believe** God made me to love me and to live for his purposes.

*"Everything got started in God and finds its purpose in him."* Colossians 1:16 (Msg)

*"Long before God laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love."* Ephesians 1:4 (Msg)

**Admit** I've lived for myself, then accept God's free forgiveness which was paid for by Jesus.

*"We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. But God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him (Jesus)."* Isaiah 53:6 (Msg)

*"Jesus personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross so we can be finished with sin and live a good live from now on."* 1 Peter 2:24 (Living)

*"Saving is all God's idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish!"* Ephesians 2:8 (Msg)

**Switch** to living for God's purposes in my life.

*"Give yourselves to God...and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes."* Romans 6:13 (TEV)

**Express** my desire for Jesus to be the Lord (leader) of my life.

*"You will be saved, if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord,' and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death."* Romans 10:9 (CEV)

*"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open."* Acts 10:35 (Msg)

**A simple prayer you can pray:**

"Dear God, I don't understand it all yet, but I believe you love me and made me for your purposes. I'm sorry that I've lived for myself instead of for you, and I ask for your forgiveness. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay for my sins. I want Jesus to be the Lord of my life. Please help me to learn to love you and trust you and live for your purposes. Amen."