

What on Earth Am I Here For? Called to Be Loved

I. Introduction

- A. Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT) ⁴ *Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.* ⁵ *God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*
- B. The reason you were created is to be loved by God!
 - 1. Jude 1:1 (NLT) *This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James. I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ.*
- C. My first calling is: I'm called to enjoy a relationship with God!
 - 1. Romans 1:7a (NLT) *I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.*
- D. The relationship God created you for is to be His son or daughter!
 - 1. I John 3:1a (NLT) *See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!*
 - 2. Ephesians 3:17-19 (NAS) ¹⁷ *So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,* ¹⁸ *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,* ¹⁹ *and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

II. What Is God's Love Like?

- A. It's wide enough to be everywhere!
- B. It's long enough to last forever!
- C. It's deep enough to handle anything!
- D. It's high enough to overlook my sins!

III. When I Stay Aware of God's Love for Me...

- A. I feel accepted rather than ashamed.
 - 1. Romans 5:1 (NAS) *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- B. I am bold in bringing God my needs.
 - 1. Romans 8:14-15 (NLT) ¹⁴ *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.* ¹⁵ *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."*

2. Hebrews 4:16 (NAS) *Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

C. I have peace in my pain, even when I don't understand it.

1. Not everything that happens in this world is God's will!

2. Romans 8:28 (NAS) *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

3. My response is surrender!

4. John 1:12 (NAS) *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

IV. Conclusion