

"We Exist for Him and We Exist Through Him"

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"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him." (1 Cor. 8:6)

Read 1 Cor. 8:4-6

The thought being expressed in 1 Corinthians 8:6 pretty much sums up every possible question that can form in the mind of man and be uttered by the tongue of man. "We exist for Him." We are not here for our own personal happiness or for the well-being of others. Our ultimate purpose, design, and role is "for Him."

If this is true, then life, in all of its varied expressions, can only find meaning as it finds itself in Him. God is the goal. He is the means of measuring all true success. It is only as we are directing all of life at Him that we can hope to hit the proverbial bull's eye.

If we are not moving toward Him, then we are moving away from Him. "We exist for Him." We are not the determiners of who we are or what we do or where we are going; He is. We can choose to stand in a place of defiance or take a position of rebellion, but such actions on our part only deepen our discontent and heighten our own personal agitation. Why are we so restless? Why do we long for more than we have? Where is the contentment we crave and the respite we long for? It is only as we see ourselves as existing for Him that our soul finds its match.

All of creation will one day be summed up in Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:10). Every piece will fit perfectly into its predetermined place. If this is indeed true (which it is), then the discombobulated slivers that make up the millions of seconds in the mundane routines of my life are intentionally designed in the grand mosaic of God's calculated purpose. Each part exists for Him. Nothing apart from Him exists. It is for Him.

Yet not only do "We exist for Him," but "We exist through Him." Without His activity in the minutia of life, life itself would collapse into a blob of unrelated and disconnected accidental parts. "We exist through Him." He is the one (the only one) who can give meaning to my daily existence. In the absence of Him nothing will matter. In the presence of Him nothing will be wasted. God moves in the absence of our affirmations and in the presence of our doubt and unbelief. "We exist through Him."

Such activity on His part is not merited or maintained by acknowledgement on our part. "We exist." This existence is for Him and through Him.

No obstacle raised by us is capable of blocking God from accomplishing His design for us and through us. Friend, there is great comfort in knowing all of this is true. Whether we embrace it or not will not alter its validity. To rest in Him in the midst of the mundane and

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routine is to find a peace that passes all of our earthly understanding. The creator of all things is equally its Lord . . . the creator is Lord. LORD . . . this is the word of victory and the sigh of release. It is only as we find ourselves embracing Him that we can find our freedom in the design.

Perhaps today you find yourself struggling with the complexity of life and its brutal honesty. We are not who we thought we were. We have failed and the biting pain of this ugly reality drives us to a bleak existence and dark hopelessness. Step back. Look big and see the majesty of God. You (and me) exist for Him and through Him. Oh the liberation that is found in such a simple truth. May the Holy Spirit impress upon us the power of this mind numbing and life altering truth. Friend, rejoice.