

TRINITY, COMMUNITY, *Purpose*

People who presume to know enough about God or think they have mastered how He calls us to live have not thought deeply enough about what it means to love and serve an almighty and everlasting God.

“Fear of what’s to come tempts us to make God in our own image: beset by our anxieties, vexed by our worries, frustrated by our grievances, and confined by our limitations.” -Christopher Gehrz The Pietist Option

***Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
Psalm 145:3***

11 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Revelation 5:12

In Eternity, every one and everything lives out their true eternal purpose which is to glorify God forever.

20 ...I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, John 17:20

When it comes to topics like purpose, instead of approaching it as something that we do it is better thought of in terms of who we become.

17 a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

18 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

**22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
Mark 10:17-22**

When we approach our faith in a formulaic way we look for ingredients. When we approach our faith in a relational way, we look for a person.

19 We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

If you think that it is hard to walk away from a sin filled life of brokenness and regret, try and walk away from a great life of wealth and success.

The reason that we feel so much joy and closeness to God in the brief moments that we are truly absent of self is because in those moments we are fully in chorus and in lock step with the oneness and the purpose of Eternity; To be centered on Jesus forever.