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# Real Hope <sup>part 2</sup>

*Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose*



1. Rethink \_\_\_\_\_

2. Realize \_\_\_\_\_

3. Redeem \_\_\_\_\_

*But How?*



# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. If all of your daily choices and investments, joys and disappointments were carefully analyzed and scrutinized by a group of objective observers, what do you think they might say you live for? What might they surmise to be your top priorities and loyalties based solely on the way you actually live your life?
2. Name one of our culture's "idols" (which still entices many Christians) that has proved to be a disillusionment in your life. Describe the process of coming to realize that this "idol" was in fact a lousy god.
3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:15**. What are some ways that "Christians" today attempt to package and present "Christianity" so that its "converts" can still live for themselves?
4. Read **Colossians 1:16**. Why do you think it is important to acknowledge that God is our Creator when we consider our purpose in life?
5. Read **Romans 11:36**. How would your thinking need to change if you were to thoughtfully consider the "from," "through" and "to" aspects of this verse in your everyday activities?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this week's schedule:

March 25<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 17-18 & Lk. 9*

March 26<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 19-20 & Lk. 10*

March 27<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 21-22 & Lk. 11*

March 28<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 23-24 & Lk. 12*

March 29<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 25-26 & Lk. 13*

March 30<sup>th</sup>

*Deut. 27-28 & Lk. 14*

March 31<sup>st</sup>

*Deut. 29-30 & Lk. 15*

April 1<sup>st</sup>

*Deut. 31-32 & Lk. 16*

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0131 - 0134 – **Hitting God's Target for Your Life** (a four-part series on purpose from Col. 1)

CD # 0403 - 0406 – **Plugged In** (a four-part series on gifts and service from 1 Corinthians 12)

CD # 0131 - 0134 – **Taking Christ to Work** (a four-part series on vocation from Colossians 4)

CD # 0222 – **When Life Takes a Left Turn: Holding Tight to the Right Perspective**

CD # 0234 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years "Happy"**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty Nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity, 1999.

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Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling The Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Novak, Michael. **Business as a Calling: Work and the Examined Life**. The Free Press, 1996.

Peterson, David. **Possessed by God: A New Testament Theology of Sanctification and Holiness**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Piper, John. **A Godward Life: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life**. Multnomah Press, 1999.

Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.

Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God**. NavPress, 1987.

Woodbridge, John D., ed.. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.