

Consider these Two Lives....

- They Were **Both Powerful Men, Prominent Leaders, Progressive Changemakers**—They Both **Changed the History of the World**. They Were Both **Exceptional Orators**—**Changing Minds, Hearts, and Lives**.
- They Were **Both Heralded As Heroes**—**Impacting Millions Of People**, and **Whatever They Set About to Do Sent Ripple Effects** Around the World. They Both Possessed **Purpose-Driven Lives...**

**But Each** Took a Distinctly **Different** Course.

- Apostle **Paul** was **Driven** by a **Divine Purpose...**
- Adolf **Hitler** by a **Diabolical Purpose**.

**Jesus Made** this **Distinction...**

*"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."* -**Luke 6:45**

## What Is Your Purpose in Life?

*"To live is Christ..."* - **Philippians 1:21**

**Paul** found **all meaning** in life tied to **one person**—his **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. **All his striving, struggling, serving** was for the **glory of another**. **Self** was **sacrificed...crucified...** for the **cause** of Christ.

*"And to die is gain..."* Paul knew that the **end** of this **temporal**, physical life **meant** the **beginning** of an **eternity of living** in the **presence of Jesus**. Paul **knew** that even **after** his **death** his **purpose** in life would **continue** on so **powerfully**.

**Hitler** found **all meaning** in life tied to and **wrapped up** in **one person**—**himself**. *"I shall become the greatest man in history,"* said the infamous Fuhrer. *"I have to gain immortality even if the whole German nation perishes in the process."* Yet **Hitler's** words of **self-importance** stand in **contrast** to God's **Word...**

*"If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself."* -**Galatians 6:3**

**Your Purpose in Life...**

- is an **expression** of your **personal** significance to **God**.
- will be **unique** to you, **based** on God's **personalized** plan for you.
- is that which **gives** you a **reason** for **living**, set **forth** by God to put you here on **earth**.

The NT Gk word for **purpose** is *prothesis*, which literally means *"a setting forth."* When **referring** to the **purposes** of God, it **means** the deliberate **intention** God *"sets forth."*

*"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."* -**Ephesians 1:11**