

UNSTOPPABLE GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS CHILDREN

Isaiah 43:7 NKJV: Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

We're learning each week about the amazing facts that God's Power in His Church is Unstoppable and His Presence in all of our circumstances brings us great comfort. But this week, we can gain greater confidence as we discover that God's Purpose in His Children is also "Unstoppable." This means that God has a specific purpose for each one of us. This is exciting and helps us realize that our lives are filled with meaning. By going back to the beginning, we can see that God created mankind to have purpose and meaning and God's plan is ongoing forever - it's unstoppable!

1A) In Isaiah 43:7, God said that He had formed and made man. What confirmation and added information do we find of this truth in the following verses?

Genesis 1:26:

Genesis 2:7:

1B) What added details are we given about mankind being made and formed in Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:8?

Read Psalm 33:10-11:

2A) What do these verses tell us about the Purpose of the Lord?

2B) PERSONAL: How are you encouraged by Philippians 1:6?

3) Describe how man was "deformed" according to the following passages.

Genesis 3:1-7:

Romans 5:12:

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11:

4A) What sins did Paul describe to the people in the Corinthian church? Verses 9-10

4B) How did he say these people had been “reformed?” What are the 3 steps and what does each step mean? Verse 11

Read Ephesians 2:1-5:

5A) How does this passage confirm that sinners can be reformed?

5B) PERSONAL: What does it mean to you to learn that no matter how awful our sins have been that through our belief in Jesus we can be reformed?

5C) How does Romans 5:8 confirm this promise?

6A) According to Romans 8:29, what are believers supposed to be “conformed” to?

6B) According to Romans 12:2, what are believers not supposed to be “conformed” to?

7A) What does Romans 12:2 tell us we are supposed to do and how?

7B) PERSONAL: How well do you think you’re doing in following the commands from Romans 12:2? What do you think you need to do differently? Write a list of ideas that you can begin to implement in order to be “transformed.”

ACT: God’s purpose is to bring His Children back into a loving, obedient, trusting relationship that will bring Glory and Honor to Him. He formed us in His own image and even though we have been deformed by sin, we can be reformed by belief in Jesus Christ. Then we can begin the process of being conformed into the image of Christ - just as we were created to be - and as we renew our minds through His Word, we are literally transformed and His pleasing, perfect will and purpose will be fulfilled in our lives. God’s purpose in His Children is Unstoppable!

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's look at passages that describe God's Unstoppable purpose.

Monday:

Job 36:5 NIV

God is mighty, but despises no one; he is mighty, and firm in his purpose.

Tuesday:

Job 42:2 NIV

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Wednesday:

Psalms 33:10-11 NIV

The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Thursday:

Proverbs 19:21 NIV

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Friday:

Isaiah 14:24-27 NIV

The Lord Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will happen. I will crush the Assyrian in my land; on my mountains I will trample him down. His yoke will be taken from my people, and his burden removed from their shoulders." This is the plan determined for the whole world; this is the hand stretched out over all nations. For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

Saturday:

Isaiah 46:10-11 NIV

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

Sunday:

Philippians 2:13 NIV

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

