

This is Real Life: You Were Designed By God!

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Psalm 139:13-16

Design: 1. To prepare the preliminary sketch or plans for work to be executed, especially to plan the form or structure; 2. To intend for a definite purpose; 3. To plan and fashion artistically or skillfully.

Genesis 2:7, *Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

Job 10:18, *“Why then did you bring me out of the womb?...”*

Psalm 139:13-16, *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. 14 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.*

Why Should You Care How God Designed You?

- **My Design Demonstrates My PURPOSE**

Jeremiah 1:5, *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

- **My Design Determines How I SERVE GOD**

Isaiah 49:5-7, *And now the Lord says—He who formed me in the*

womb to be His servant ... for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength—6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be My servant ... I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” 7 This is what the Lord says—“Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

• **My Design Enables Me To Bring GLORY TO GOD**

Isaiah 43:1-21, *This is what the Lord says, 6...Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth— 7 everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made.” ... 21 the people I formed for Myself that they may proclaim My praise.*

• **My Design Determines God’s EVALUATION OF ME**

Psalms 33:14-15, *from His dwelling place He watches all who live on earth—15He who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.*

How Should I Respond To the Way God Designed Me?

1: **ACCEPT Who You Are!**

Psalms 139:14, *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...*

Romans 9:20, *But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’”*

2: **Accept God’s Free Gift OF SALVATION**

Psalms 119:41, *May Your unfailing love come to me, Lord, Your salvation, according to Your promise.*

3: **REFOCUS Your Life On Serving & Glorifying God**

1 Samuel 16:7, *...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”*

1 Corinthians 15:10, *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.*

Next Steps for a New Year:

- Make a commitment to be at Cottonwood for every message in this series: Saturdays 5:00p & Sundays 9:30a & 11a.
- Get connected with a group at Cottonwood to grow and serve God more.
- Register for the Cottonwood Membership Class on January 21 OR January 28 to learn more about using your design to serve God.