

Do you ever wonder why you are here in this world? Does life have any real purpose? Is life a meaningless sequence of chance events and nothing more? Many people think so.

Consider the following points:

- There is a terrible sense of futility in many people's minds. Life really makes no sense to them despite some degree of material prosperity.
- Young people are increasingly turning to drugs because life seems empty and meaningless, as is reflected in many of today's pop songs.
- We hear of rich and famous people who commit suicide. So wealth and prosperity cannot fill the emptiness that we sometimes feel inside.
- Alcoholism remains a serious problem, as thousands think that they can lose their sense of hopelessness in the bottle!

A business man summed it up like this. 'I spent my life trying to get to the top of the ladder. Ambition kept me going through all the hard work because I thought material success would satisfy me. The trouble was that, when I reached the top of the ladder THERE WAS NOTHING THERE!'

But does life have to be like this? Is there somewhere we can go to find an answer?

God's Word the Bible has a number of clear answers which are well worth thinking about:

1) GOD CREATED US

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made...and that my soul knows very well." (Psalm 139:14)

We are not alive because of chance. The human body itself is far more complex than the most advanced machine. We know that machines have to be created.

2) GOD LOVES US

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

(John 3:16)

It is a great thing to know you are loved. Surely the greatest thing in the world is to know that you are loved by God. He was willing to go to great expense to prove His love for us.

3) WE HAVE NOT LOVED GOD

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way." (Isaiah 53:6)

Like sheep who wander away from the shepherd, we have decided we can do quite well without God.

4) THERE IS A WAY BACK TO GOD

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."

(1 Peter 3:18)

Jesus paid the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven and get right with God.