

BELIEVERS' GOALS

A believer's basic aim is to do his Father's will.

Goals/ Intentions/ Purpose/ Resolved

Believers' goals

To please God

[Romans 14:18](#) Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

[2 Corinthians 5:9](#) So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

[Ephesians 5:10](#) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

[Ephesians 5:17](#) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

[Colossians 1:9–10](#) [9](#) And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10](#) so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

To know God

[John 17:3](#) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

[Philippians 3:8](#) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

[Philippians 3:10](#) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

[2 Peter 3:18](#) But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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To be faithful to Jesus Christ

[Matthew 10:22](#)

and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

[Matthew 24:13](#)

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[John 15:4](#)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

[Philippians 3:14](#)

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

[2 Timothy 4:7](#)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

[Hebrews 12:2](#)

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

[Revelation 2:26](#)

The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

To love one another

[Matthew 22:34–40](#)

[34](#) But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. [35](#) And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. [36](#) "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" [37](#) And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38](#) This is the great and first commandment. [39](#) And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [40](#) On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

[John 13:34](#)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

[John 15:12](#)

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

[1 Corinthians 13:13](#)

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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[1 Corinthians 16:14](#) Let all that you do be done in love.

[1 Timothy 1:5](#) The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

[1 John 4:11–12](#) [11](#) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12](#) No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

To live at peace

[Mark 9:50](#) Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

[Romans 12:18](#) If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

[2 Corinthians 13:11](#) Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

[1 Thessalonians 4:11](#) and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

To spread the gospel

[Matthew 28:19–20](#) [19](#) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20](#) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

[Acts 20:24](#) But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

[Romans 11:14](#) in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them.

[Romans 15:20](#) and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation,

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[1 Corinthians 9:16](#)

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

[2 Timothy 4:2](#)

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

To grow to maturity

[Matthew 5:48](#)

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

[Romans 8:29](#)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

[2 Corinthians 7:1](#)

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

[2 Corinthians 13:11](#)

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[Ephesians 4:13](#)

until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Believers' final goal is heaven

[John 6:40](#)

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

[1 Corinthians 15:51-52](#)

[51](#) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52](#) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

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[2 Corinthians](#)
[5:4–5](#)

[4](#) For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. [5](#) He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

[1](#)
[Thessalonians](#)
[4:17](#)

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

[1 John 3:2](#)

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

[Revelation](#)
[7:9–10](#)

[9](#) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10](#) and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"