

# Making sense of life

## Fear that's good part 7

*"He has planted eternity in the human heart...God's purpose is that people should fear him."  
Ecclesiastes 3:11b & 14b*

### Understand that...

#### 1. **God is!**

*"In the beginning God..." Genesis 1:1a*

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One." Revelation 1:8*

#### 2. I was made **by** God

*"God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth." Colossians 1:16a*

#### 3. I was created **for** God

*"Everything was created through him and for him." Colossians 1:16b*

#### 4. Life begins to make sense when I kneel at the foot of the **cross**

*"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,<sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." Colossians 1:19-20*

*"This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.<sup>22</sup> Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault."  
Colossians 1:21-22*

*"These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..." Acts 17:6 (ESV)*

*"Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honour him in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore." Ecclesiastes 12:1*

*"Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well.<sup>7</sup> For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:6-7*

*"Teach us to realise the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom." Psalm 90:12*

*"Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands" Ecclesiastes 12:13*