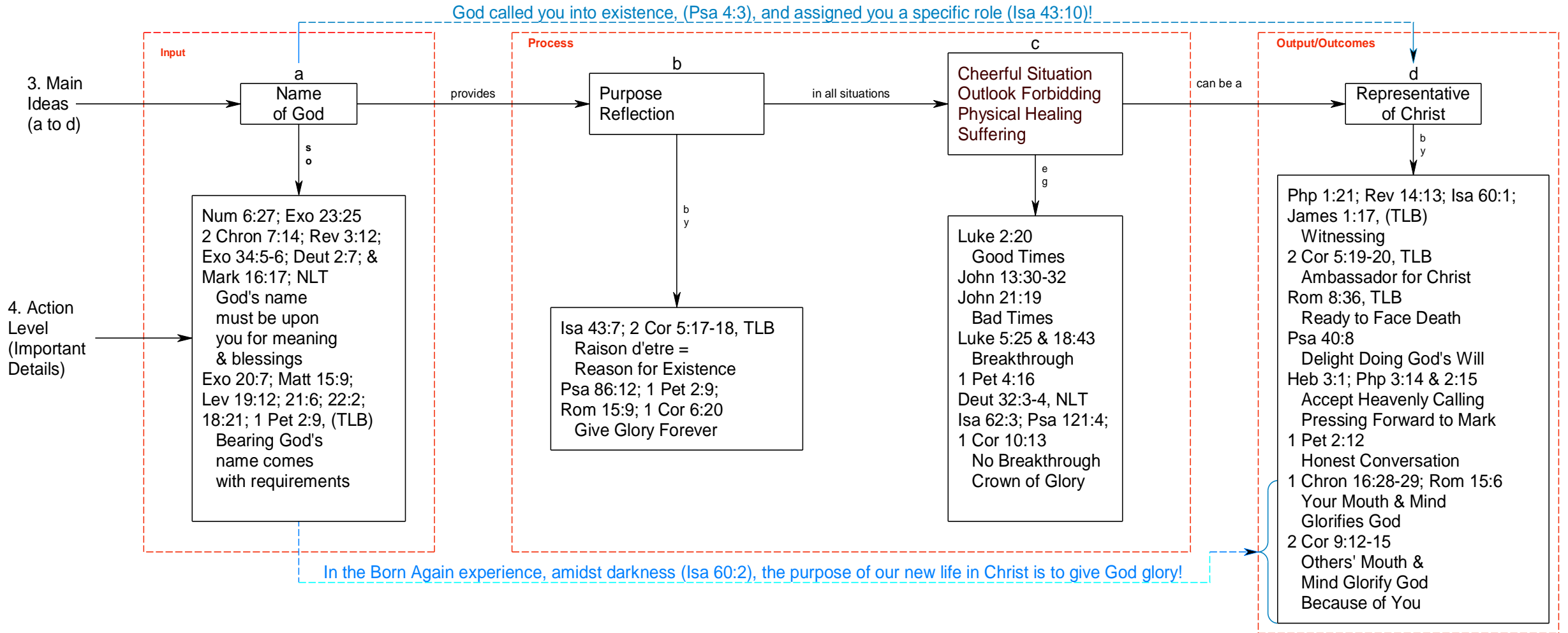


# Aim/Focus, Pursue, and Achieve Your God Given Purpose

1. What is the reason for being on earth? How can one find meaning and purpose in life? Choosing a profession, getting a job, making money, and doing all the things that self-respecting people do is NOT what the question seeks! In other words, "Is there something more to life than just living well socially, economically, and emotionally"? In the Way of Jesus Christ, the Born Again experience is a pillar of that Way. How might the Born Again experience give focus to the new life in Christ Jesus? Is there something above all else that the Believer should become and be about to direct his or her existence? After taking an environmental scan, it is clear that humanity, everywhere, is suffering the pain of oppression in many diverse forms. Hence, human sensory perceptions cannot miss the cries that go out for relief. The sprinkling of happiness here and there does not reduce the ubiquitous cries of sorrow and death, which grows louder and louder, to the point of draining any remnants of hope that remains! If one places this temporal experience in context, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten. [Moreover], if [because] of strength [our lives extend to] fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10). The adage, "Here today, but gone tomorrow is apropos. Given this sobering reality, it is conceivable that different people will seek a variety of ways, some better than others, to soothe the harsh reality that is everywhere. Some people deal with life's reality by pointing to the light at the end of the tunnel. That is, they look to The Hope of being in the first resurrection when Jesus Christ returns as Savior and Lord (Rev 20:5 & 6; 1 Cor 15:51-55). That is good, but even some of the people who cling to that hope confess that the days seem long, and the road seems hard to travel. How then can a person continue his or her existence with fervor? Does God offer a cognitive solution to help us navigate obstacles and fulfill His purpose in our existence? The purpose of this study is to make clear how God wants His children to live in this present world!
2. NPR COPS is the memory aid for this study. What does the acronym, NPR COPS, means? N stands for Jehovah's name, P stands for the Purpose; R stands for Reflection; C stands for Cheerful situation, O stands for Outlook forbidding; P stands for Physical healing, and S stands for Suffering. The chart below integrates the acronym into a unified whole. Follow along as we navigate from 3 to 4. At level three, the study is in a nutshell. At level four, we explore the details encapsulated at level three.

**Figure 1: Fulfilling Your Assigned God Given Purpose**



**Definitions (What do these words mean?):**

**Cognitive Solution** is the renewing of your mind so that you can participate fully in decision-making, use of language, attention, (as in focusing), memory, (as in information retention), and problem solving.

**Take God's Name in Vain** is more than irreverent repetition of His name. It includes "...teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt 15:9), contrary to worshipping in spirit & truth (John 4:23-24).