

# THIS IS US

PART 6: ASKING OURSELVES "WHY?"

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## FOUR BIG WHY'S

### I. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Philippians 2:6-11 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. <sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave<sup>1</sup> and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Here's a short list of what He's done for us:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ my sins

B. Made me a \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

C. Gave an \_\_\_\_\_ life

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ new life

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'

Big Question: *Are you experiencing the full life that God has for you?*

II. I'm laying up \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:19-21 Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

1 Corinthians 3:11-14 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward.

My Key Takeaway:

- *SINCE eternity is real I want to build THAT life.*
- *I want to lay up treasures in heaven.*

III. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_.

John 17:20-21 I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup> I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

This thing that exists in the Godhead between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit...we are NOW part of that!

IV. I have an \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 1:27-29 For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. <sup>28</sup> So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect<sup>[a]</sup> in their relationship to Christ. <sup>29</sup> That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE?

- Every person I meet becomes a mission!
- What can I do to help them know God better?
- What can I do to show them the real heart of God...and His love for them?
- What can I do to help them become everything God intends for their life?
- What can I say to them that will help them come to maturity in Christ?
- How can I serve them, encourage them, and inspire them to build a relationship with God and follow Jesus?

*\*All scriptures are from the NLT translation unless otherwise noted.*

REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.