The Upward Call
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Purpose for your life?

The ultimate question of life: "Why am I here?" - "Why do I get up every day?"

Gives your life meaning, value and a purpose beyond yourself

Lack of it leads to depression and in some cases suicide

Google – referenced the Bible for answers

Our purpose can only come from the one who made us and not ourselves

Last time we began to look at the call or purpose that the Apostle Paul received

Philippians 3:3-14

Vs 12-14 what kept Paul going through all of the adversities of his life

Last time at what he let go of and left behind

Vs 4-6 his heritage, his heart's intentions – his sincere passion for God's law & his deeds or works – he kept all the rigorous requirements of the law

Vs 12 that he may lay hold of the purpose for which Christ laid hold of him

Vs 14 – he pressed towards the UPWARD CALL of God in Christ

Vs 13 – he had not yet fully reached it, but kept REACHING TOWARDS

Vs 14 he pressed

What is that upward call?

Rom 8:28-30 – the general call made to all

- Vs 28 – He is working on behalf of those who love Him & are CALLED according to HIS purpose
- Vs 29 He preplanned to conform us to the image of His Son
- We would also be His son
- Vs 30 – this is why He justified us – wants to reveal His glory in us

The image of His Son – His nature has been birthed in us

Phil 2:13 – God is at work in you to will and to do His good pleasure

Gal 5:22-23 He has put His Spirit in us to bear fruit like Christ

2 Pet 1:2-4 – He has given us His divine nature

1 John 4:17 – when we see Him, we shall see that we are like Him

We have to answer this call

Phil 2:12-13 – we have to exercise this nature of God that He put in us

Eph 4:1 & 20-24 – put off the old man and put on the new

How do we do that

Rom 12:1-2

Vs 1 – present our bodies

Vs 2 – the new man on the inside must come to the outside – done by changing our thinking – renew our mind

Next week we will look at what this means