

Why Are We Even Doing This? Part 2 of 2

Why we do what we do Acts 17:22-34

I. Motivations

A. We believe life has purpose. It is evident by the way we act and how we talk.

1. Read Ecclesiastes. It may all be meaningless, but we are drawn to seek
2. The persistence of a religious frame work and desire to understand life
3. Depression. If we didn't care we wouldn't get depressed.

B. For Us or For Him?

1. We can't be completely selfless, but we can think in terms of "we" and "us"
 - a. The Trinity does not exist just to frustrate people Isaiah 55:6-9
 - b. Relationships are part of God's structure. It's expected Ps 68:6
2. We should trust our relationship with God is mutually beneficial. Jer 29:11

II. Follow Jesus for Him, Not What He Can Do For You

A. In this life you will have trouble. Heb 11:35b-38

1. God cares, but wants us focused on something more than self Matt 6:25-34
 - a. The world gets bogged down in self and that makes sense
 - b. We are sent to save the world, just like Jesus does John 1:6-13
2. The martyrs wanted others to have the hope and relationship they had
3. Sometimes following God makes your circumstance worse. Be prepared.

B. What does God get out of it?

1. The more people that come to Him the more rooms He has to build
2. If He wanted to rule the Earth as is He would have.
 - a. satan offered and he's the greatest adversary Luke 4:5-6
 - b. Jesus knows what this world is about John 2:23-25
3. He gets relationships and an outlet for praise

a. He doesn't need anything, but He wants us Acts 17:25

b. He is the art that deserves adoration, and gives back love

C. We should be doing it because we love God and want to be more like him

1. We do because we believe, not because we want to accomplish Gal 3:1-9

2. We accomplish because it's a logical response to belief James 2:18

3. We need to be reminded because we are prone to wander Rom 12:1-2