



WHY AM I HERE?

Why am I here?

- What is my purpose?
- What am I to be doing?

Many verses – same theme

- Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Gal. 2:20)

First and Second

- ³⁷ And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'
- ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.
- ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
- ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matt. 22:37-41)

Paul's stated purpose:

- "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)
- What is the race?
 - *2Cor. 4:1-6; 2Tim. 4:6-8*
- Is this Paul's purpose only because he is an apostle?
 - *2Tim. 2:1-7*

Balance

- "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. (Acts 20:24)
- Love God – Love others.