

“HERE”
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Why are we here?

1. We are here because we have all received the amazing love and grace of God in Christ Jesus!

1 Timothy 1:15-16 - This is a true saying, and everyone should believe it: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—and I was the worst of them all. But that is why God had mercy on me, so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

***Ephesians 2:4-9** - But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s special favor that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus. And so God can always point to us as examples of the incredible wealth of his favor and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us through Christ Jesus. God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

2. We are here because we want to give away to others the amazing love and grace we are still getting. In Christ, we know we are now gifted masterpieces divinely designed to do good works for His glory here, there and everywhere.

***Ephesians 2:10** - For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

***Matthew 5:14-16** - You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 - God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you. Are you called to be a speaker? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then God will be given glory in everything through Jesus Christ. All glory and power belong to him forever and ever. Amen.

Acts 1: - 8 But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Sometimes we don't want to be HERE!

Sometimes we'd rather shine for Christ anywhere but here!

Isaiah 6:8b - Here am I. Send me!

God's Message to Me on a Colorado Mountain:

“Go back to Whatcom County and learn how to do church like CTK does and I will build a global impact church through you there. I have put the nations in your heart but you will reach them from there not here.”

God has honored His word to me and done exactly what He said He would do here!

Jeremiah 1:12 - Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.”

By His grace we have grown locally and globally! God has fulfilled the desires of my heart from HERE!

Psalms 37:4-5 - Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

You can shine best for Christ here when:

1. You are fully engaged here giving yourself away to see lives changed by His love and grace.

John 4:34 - Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

2. You are discovering and seeking to serve Him in the sweet spot of your divine design.

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S - Spiritual Gifts

H - Heart Passion

A - Abilities

P- Personality

E- Experiences

3. You are taking every inspired risk He leads you to because you know you have unlimited potential with the Holy Spirit living in you.

Ephesians 3:20 – Now glory be to God who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thought or hopes.

4. You are praying and serving globally from here.

Psalms 2:8 - Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.

P- Plant Loving Churches

E- Equip Servant Leaders

A- Assist the Poor

C- Care for the Sick

E- Educate those who need it

5. You are building mutually supportive relationships where you help each other shine for Christ here, there and everywhere.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

You are Christ's Masterpiece, His Grace Example

You Can Shine Brilliantly for Him----HERE!