

'All In' – Ominous, doesn't it? – What do you want? Going 'All In' against my nature...anyone else?

- I like a contingency plan – Planning a long drive - Party – Date
- I like a way out...Book a flight – Cell Phone – College Drop Out – Streaming – Gym Membership
- I don't want to go 'All In' - Better deal, better service, better way for me, more convenient

Good with Cell phones – streaming services – gym memberships & creepy dates – Not Christianity!

Here's why...you miss out! Blessing of obedience – Eternity with God

- Ps. 112 - 'Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments'
 - Mat. 12:30 'Whoever is not with me is against me, & whoever does not gather with me scatters'
- Friends...loved ones...All in... | Big Idea – Go All In on the Life God Offers

Being on the wrong side of history – Behind the times...out of touch | Old timey...Vintage Church

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. – PRAY - **The Life God offers:**

1. Salvation Greater than your Sin (1a) | If then you have been raised with Christ
Everything text weight on this one indicative statement – It means 'If you have been saved' (Position)
Saved from what? Well the answer is in the word 'raised' – From the weight of sin that is upon us.

Sin is biblically: A violation against God's Law and rebellion against God Himself – Who me?

Sin is: Demanding (more) – Destructive (Harm & Damage) – Deadly (Cauterize) – Damning (Separates)

We are raised from the weight (burden) of sin - What does sin weight?

- Sin is heavy. So heavy that not even the whole world together can bear its weight.
- Humankind innovated a machine, computer, pill for everything but cannot do anything about sin.
- It's so heavy that it kills the person who tries to carry just one. BACK TO THE D'S
- So heavy that it obliterates families, relationships, health, nations, and hearts.
- Sin is so toxic even one drop will spread to everyone and everything...

Trying to take on sin by myself is like MMA – No Ref – No bell – Destroyed | Dead | Damned

Sin is the greatest threat facing humankind...and you can know someone greater!

The only thing that can eliminate the weight of sin is the weight of glory | ALL IN...

Jesus is: Giving (Himself) – Restoring (Darkness & Light – Healing (Souls) – Saving (Drawing)

If then you have been raised with Christ – GOSPEL – The life that God offers is freedom!

Being raised with Christ give you a New Position...but it also give you a New Purpose

2. Purpose Bigger than this Planet (1b-2)

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The only two commands in this passage are to: Seek and Set:

- 'Seek the things that are above' – (Heart) New Direction = Goals | Ambitions = Eternal things
 - 'Where Christ is seated...' – Position of honor...seek the things that honor the one God honors
- 'Set your mind on things that are above' – New Focus = Thoughts fixed on the things of Christ

Get our attention off of worldly woes and turn our gaze to the heavens in worship

Exchange secular for sacred norms and values | Heart full – Mind Filled

God, by offering you the gift of salvation, has reorientated your purpose...you're His now = ALL IN

Hear "'All In at' Vertical Church" – they must mean they want my time and my money...toilets / check

COMPASS – UP – ALL IN CHRIST – CREATES OPPORTUNITIES – DISCIPLESHIP – Worship/Walk/Work

Some people are so heavenly minded they are no earthly good | Greater danger

So earthly minded you are no heavenly good

You must be heavenly minded if you want to do earthly good

Preoccupation with Heaven governs our earthly responses – ONE who reigns there!

- What you seek – What your heart desires | Set your minds – how you fill your thoughts
- Don't let the world influence your heart and mind, but be transformed by Christ and His Word

Your position is now in Christ and your purpose is bigger than this planet...it is a heavenly purpose

3. Safety Stronger than the Storm (3)

³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

You have died to your sin and accepted God's grace by faith...life is hidden with Christ in God

This is one of the most beautiful comforts in all of the Scripture

What does that mean? It means your eternity is safe...it's secure...its protected...by God Himself

Midwest tornados – Storm Cellars – The storm could take the house and the family would be safe

The storms of this world can get to your temporal life...but your soul is secure...hidden away by God

What would you give...right now for eternal safety and security?

- You don't have to give anything...Christ already gave it all for those who are all in

Nothing can separate you from the Love of God that is in Christ

We exist in this world physically, but spiritually we are citizens of Heaven...its secured and safe...hands

4. Glory Higher than your Grasp (4)

⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Second Coming – Life...death...resurrection...promise to come again

- There will be a sudden, personal, visible, and bodily return of Christ
 - Believers should eagerly long for the return of Christ
 - We do not know when Christ will return

Eternal Judgment & Eternal rewards are the final results of Christ's return

- Eternal Judgment = Lake of Fire reserved for unrepentant sinners – Satan & Demons
- Eternal Rewards = New Heaven and New Earth

Believers will share a common life with God

God the Father – God the Son – God the Holy Spirit will reign and be worshipped forever

Sin – Sorrow – Suffering will be no more – ITS MORE THAN WE COULD EVER GRASP

Go All In on the Life God offers...

All the riches of the eternal God are available to those who are all in with Him in Christ

- The Glorified Christ will be by far the most glorious being in Heaven
- When Christ appears, you will appear with him in glory

Four times in this one text – With – Where – With – When Christ = Center Life God has to offer

Being all in with Christ is past present future

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Don't worry about being on the wrong side of history...worry about being on the wrong side of eternity

If then you have been raised with Christ - COMPASS - RESPONSE & RESPONSE CARDS