WHY JESUS? Fully Devoted Pastor Paul Jackson

John 8:31-32; Matthew 28:18-20

Introduction:

- A. God's law protects us from <u>ourselves!</u> The problem is we are not <u>motivated</u> to keep it but to break it.
- B. Jesus gives us a new <u>nature</u> and <u>motivates</u> us to keep God's law.

Romans 8:1-4 Acts 2:42-47

C. How will we fulfill the vision? <u>YOU!</u> We are building bigger <u>people</u>, not bigger <u>buildings!</u>

What does a bigger person look like?

- 1. <u>Relationships</u> = bigger people initiate and work at growing healthy relationships
- 2. <u>Humility</u> = bigger people are willing to listen, cooperate, change and submit
- **3.** <u>Compassion</u> = bigger people are sensitive to and active in meeting the needs of others
- 4. <u>Generosity</u> = bigger people freely give of their time, abilities and resources to serve the Lord's mission
- 5. <u>Joyfulness</u> = bigger people choose joyful positive attitudes regardless of circumstances or feelings
- 6. <u>Integrity</u> = bigger people consistently live and speak biblical truth in love and are people of their word
- 7. Excellence = bigger people give God their best!

Conclusion: We must <u>be</u> and <u>build</u> bigger people who <u>reach</u> and <u>help</u> others to become bigger people.