

Why Be A Christian?

Young people are asking “Why be a Christian?” Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, etc., are asking “Why?” Skeptics are asking “Why?” Even weak Christians are asking “Why?” There must be a good reason, right? Actually, there are at least three good reasons for being a Christian!

First, because the evidence demands it (Luke 1:1-4). There is evidence that there is a God (Psalm 9:1-2), that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 1:4), and that the Bible is the Word of God (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

Second, because of the good life that it offers (1 Timothy 4:8). Your physical health will be better (1 Peter 3:10), your job / finances will be better (Ephesians 4:28), your friends will be better (Mark 10:29-30), and your mental health will be better (Philippians 4:4-7).

Third, because church membership as a Christian has its privileges, such as forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), answered prayers (1 Peter 3:12), divine assistance (2 Timothy 3:16-17), and a hope of heaven (1 Peter 1:3-4).

These are the three simple reasons for being a Christian. Being a Christian is the only way to glorify God (Acts 11:26; 26:28-29; 1 Peter 4:16).

Friend, life is short (James 4:14), judgment is sure (Hebrews 9:27), and eternity is long (Matthew 25:34,41,46). Let us help you be a Christian today! - *Chris Reeves*

Up-Coming Events

- We are studying the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians in December. We have great Bible classes. Come check them out!
- Next Sunday's Sermons: God's Formula For Success (AM) and Will There Be A Rapture? (PM)

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Be Sure, You Can't Afford to Be Wrong!

We live in a society where being right (correct and accurate) is not emphasized like it used to be. For example, I remember as a child when speaking correctly, reading correctly, spelling correctly, and writing (cursive) correctly was often emphasized by grade-school teachers. Today, there are teachers that don't emphasize those things.

I remember a time when many businesses prided themselves in offering correct and accurate service to their customers, and when they made a mistake (as we all do from time to time), they apologized for it. Today, I don't see that as much. Much of our society is more like: "I get it right some of the time and I don't worry about the rest".

The problem with that mentality is that people don't try to be right about much, including their relationship with God. It is true that we all make mistakes and sometimes those mistakes are of little consequence. Things like spelling errors do not have eternal consequences.

However, we cannot afford to be wrong about *everything* in life. Spiritual matters that affect our relationship with God must be gotten right. Let me give you a few examples.

Did you know that if you marry a person that was divorced for some cause other than fornication, that you are committing adultery with that person? This is

what Jesus said in Matthew 19:9. See, you can't afford to be wrong about who you marry.

We also need to be sure that we are right about our relationship with God. Jesus' apostles spoke and wrote accurately so that people could know that they are right with God (Luke 1:1-4; John 19:35; 2 Peter 1:16-21). The apostles knew that there were false teachers around and they wanted people to know the truth and be right (1 John 4:1-6).

Let me give you three reasons for being right pertaining to your relationship with God. First, you need to be right because the stakes are high and the consequences are eternal. Both heaven and hell are everlasting (Matthew 7:13-14; 25:46). You need to make whatever sacrifices are necessary in order to be right and go to heaven (Mark 9:43-48).

Second, you need to be right because you only get one chance to get it right. You cannot change your spiritual condition after you die. You die once and your destiny is sealed after that (Luke 16:19-31; Hebrews 9:27). You need to take the one life that God gives you and live it right.

Third, you need to be right because you may be taking others with you where you are going. You influence others like friends and family for good or for bad (2 Chronicles 22:3; Matthew 8:5-6). You need to do all that you can to set the proper example for being right (2 Timothy 1:5; 1 Peter 3:1-2).

But, "How can I be sure I'm right?", you ask. This is a natural question. If we are sup-

posed to be sure, how can we know that we are sure and right? Let me suggest a few things from God's word.

You can be sure you are right if you desire the truth and care to be right (Proverbs 23:23; Matthew 5:6; 7:7-8; Luke 13:24; John 7:17; Acts 17:11).

You can be sure you are right if you examine the right evidence in the Bible (go to the right source) and accept what you are told (Matthew 19:22; 22:29).

You can be sure you are right if you begin at the right starting point (Acts 3:27-28; Rom. 8:16). So, what is the right starting point?

The place to begin your right relationship with God is with what Jesus wants for you. Jesus wants you to hear his word (Acts 15:7). After you hear it, he wants you to believe that he is the Son of God (John 8:24) and be willing to confess your belief to others (Romans 10:9-10).

Next, Jesus wants you to repent of your sins (turn from them) and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21). Lastly, he wants you to live faithfully for him each day (Hebrews 3:6; 6:11).

Finally, you can be sure you are right if continue to live faithfully in what is right (1 Jn. 1:6-7; 2:3-6, 17, 29; 3:4-10, 21-24; 4:21).

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