

Why I Am A Christian

TEXT: 1 Pet. 4:15-16

INTRODUCTION:

A. WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

1. A disciple(**Acts 11:26**). An adherent to a discipline.
2. What is a disciple?(**Mat. 28:19; John 8:31-32**).

B. WHY SHOULD ONE DESIRE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

I. THAT HE MIGHT RETURN GOD'S LOVE.

- A. **John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10.**
- B. WE WERE TAUGHT LOVE BY GOD(**1 John 4:19**).
- C. LOVING GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE(**1 John 5:3**).

II. THAT HE MIGHT SERVE JESUS WHO DIED FOR ALL.

- A. WHAT DID JESUS DO FOR US(**Mat. 20:28; 26:28**).
- B. WHAT DOES JESUS HAVE TO OFFER(**1 Cor. 15:55-57**).
- C. HIS LOVE ALSO DEMANDS OBEDIENCE(**John 14:15**).

III. THAT WE MIGHT SHARE CHRIST'S GLORY WITH HIM.

- A. THIS WE DO BY IMITATING HIM(**1 Pet. 2:21**).
- B. BY POINTING OTHERS TO HIM(**Mat. 5:16**).
- C. BY WEARING HIS NAME(**1 Pet. 4:16**).
- D. WE REIGN WITH JESUS(**Rev. 5:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:9**).
- E. OUR GLORY IS ETERNAL(**Col. 3:1-4**).

IV. THAT HE MIGHT LIVE THE BEST LIFE HERE.

- A. GOD BLESSES ALL HIS CREATION(**Mat. 5:45**).
- B. EVERYTHING GOOD COMES FROM GOD(**James 1:17**).
- C. BUT SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS COME ONLY THROUGH JESUS(**Eph. 1:3**).
- D. TRUST LEADS TO PEACE(**Phil. 4:6-7**).
- E. THE CHRISTIAN IS GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THOSE AROUND HIM(**Rom. 13:8; Mat. 7:12; Gal. 6:10**).

V. THAT HE MIGHT GO TO HEAVEN WHEN HE DIES.

- A. ALL MUST DIE AND FACE JUDGMENT(**Heb. 9:27**).
- B. JESUS HAS PROMISED HIS DISCIPLES A MANSION(**John 14:1-3**).
- C. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY?(**2 Thes. 1:7-9**).

CONCLUSION: ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?