

Why You Should Be A Christian

1. The world remembers little about Christ except at Christmas and Easter.
2. We remember him every week in the communion service.
3. While we are all thinking of Christ, and what Christ has done and is doing for us, let us ask, what are you doing for Him?
 - a. Are you a Christian for Him? We ought to stop and observe some of the reasons why you should be a Christian?
 - b. What does it mean, being a Christians, one woman said that the IAN on the end of Christ mean that "without Christ, I Ain't Nothing."

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I. YOU NEED CHRIST FOR YOUR FAMILY'S SAKE

1. Illustration: a man came to a house, knocked and asked the woman "Does Christ live here?" She thought about it! Does Christ really live here?
2. In such a home, greater peace, harmony, and happiness. (Matthew 28:20; Rev. 3:20). Attitude of indifference done away with, become **active** for Christ!
3. How wonderful to see husband and wife working together at their religion. Phil. 2:12 (1 Peter 3:1-4; wives can win their husbands.)
4. You want your children saved, in a godly atmosphere. Cartoon: "Take children to church instead of sending them. L - A-A-At"
 - a. Bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:3

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II. YOU NEED CHRIST FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S SAKE

1. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34.
2. The Bible and secular history both show when nations become corrupt and morally degenerate they pass from the scene.
 - a. Days of Noah -- Nations of Canaan -- Israel -- Babylon -- Rome; Arnold Tonybee-- 22 great civilizations, by time of corrupt state of the U.S. 19 had already fallen.
 - b. Immorality -- corruption -- thievery -- love for brutality -- marriage not honored - - divorce rampant -- not regard for the sanctity of life--
3. Only thing that can help our country today is a return to Christ-- a reformation and restoration of the N.T. principles, ethics, and religion.

Our country must become righteous or become a reproach.

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III. YOU NEED CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH AND ALL THAT IS GOOD.

1. The church has a tremendous mission today, greater than ever before. Our mission to preach the gospel to every creature-- Mark 16:15-16. What God expects of every generation.
 - a. There are more people alive today than every before.
 - b. But with this great responsibility God gives greater means; printed page, radio, satellites, TV, travel, etc.
2. You should be a Christian because your help is needed today in accomplishing this mission. Christians are needed who are dedicated to give so Gospel can be preached. (Example of what can be done today:
 - a. How shall they hear without a preacher-- and how shall they preach except they be sent -- Romans 10:14
3. You are needed to help convert your neighbor. More and more people in the nations today are looking and receptive today than before. Someone needed to tell them about the plain simple NT gospel.
 - a. Evangelism-- Edification-- Benevolence

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IV. BECAUSE YOU NEED CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE TO BE SAVED FROM SIN

1. Satan busy at work today-- He has many tricks and devices to lead us into temptation and sin. Eph. 6:11; I Peter 5:8
 - a. His work never ceases.
 - b. How he works -- Indifference; divide and conquer: He divides our -- allegiance - - convictions (doubts and faith) -- energies (doing godly service,...
 - c. Results of His works -- same today, damnation
2. You need Christ to strengthen your life for those onslaughts of the devil. You need the strength and encourage of other Christians.
 - a. The Pioneers use to band together in fort settlements for protection against warring Indians. **Illustration:** the fire coals and ember.
 - b. Christians can band together to defend themselves against the devil.
 - 1) Christian fellowship and worship
 - 2) Christian friendship and social life and recreation
 - 3) Greater preparation can be made to meet the devil head-on.

(Some say they never have any trouble with the devil-- in order to meet the devil, you have to be going one way and him the other way.)

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V. BECAUSE YOU NEED CHRIST TO BE SAVED FROM HELL.

1. The consequence and calamity of being lost goes beyond our wildest imagination. Matthew 25:41, "Depart...."
2. Some pictures of hell in the Bible. And they are terrible.
 - a) Is hell really fire? Rev. 20:10, 14 If not, something worse that could only be pictured as such. Mark. 9:44, 46, 48
 - b) Is hell real? Yes, as real as this world, as real as heaven.
 - c) Is hell eternal? Yes, as long as eternity. The duration of hell is the same as heaven.
3. Hell is pictured as the most horrible place for any soul-- eternal for sinners. (Pictures of calendar page after calendar page on and on and one...)

Why should you be a Christian? To save yourselves from hell.

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VI. BECAUSE YOU NEED CHRIST TO ENTER HEAVEN

1. Christians are the people that Christ is coming for to take to heaven.
 - a) Left in the clouds, coming in just the same way. Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7
2. Home of the soul-- at home with Christ, the cares and trials of this world will be pass.
 - a) No more temptation and sin, for the tempter will be locked up in the Lake of fire (the bottomless pit) with his angels and his army of men and women who serve him.

Why should you be a Christian? for the salvation of your soul!

1. Christians are those who live in Christ-- who do his will. Matthew 7:21.
2. Faith brings one to Christ.
Repentance brings one to God.
Confession expresses one's self about Christ.
Baptism following upon Faith, Repentance, and Confession brings one into Christ, Gal. 3:27.
3. Why should you be baptized, to become a Christian, one in Christ, with Christ in you.