**Why Am I A Christian? (Part 3 of 3) / Back To Basics**

Lesson 1: I have a Father (1), a Savior (2), a Holy Spirit (3), blessings of prayer (4), a life full of purpose (5), and have a personal relationship with God (6)!

Lesson 2: last week; the Lord provides for me (7), a life free of many troubles (8), a happy home (9), and brethren who love me (10).

This morning we conclude our series in answering the question, “**Why Am I A Christian?**”

11**.** I have true forgiveness of sins - **1 Corinthians 6:9-10** lists evil sins that those in Corinth had committed before they became Christians. In **verse 11**, these people no longer had to bear the burden and guilt of their past sins. Because they were washed, sanctified, and justified the Lord forgave their sins, to remember them no more (**Hebrews 10:15-18**). **What a wonderful relief to be rid of our sins and the guilt of those sins!**

12. I can share the truth - When Judas was upset that Mary had anointed the Lord with expensive oil he said that it could have been sold and the money given to the poor. But notice what Jesus said in **John 12:8**. Christians are commanded to help the poor and we need to do that as a part of our everyday lives. The gift that can really transform poverty is the salvation of Jesus. Christians can offer the truth to lost souls in need of salvation. The truth, the gospel of Christ, is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes (**Romans 1:16, Ephesians 1:13**). James gives us God's priority in **James 5:20**. Nothing the world can offer is greater than the truth that can save a soul from eternal death.

13. No matter who forsakes you, the Lord is on your side – Notice **Hebrews 13:5-6** and **2 Tim. 4:16-18**.

14. No matter what comes in this life, I can live in peace (**Philippians 4:6-7**). How many times I have woke up because of a bad dream or something troubling me, and I turn to God for His peace! Sometimes we have turmoil in our cities, in our state, and in our country. Even in those times of turmoil a Christian can be comforted with God’s amazing peace!

15. I have an eternal home! **Have you been away for a few days or for an extended period of time and get to the point where you just want to go home?** [With work I have had to be away more than I like at times. Sometimes I agonize over it because I really miss being home (Stuck on a Saturday in Newark). I know many of you share the same feeling.] We want to get home because that is where our loved ones are. My son Daniel, when he visits here in Oak Ridge often lets folks know, it is good to be home. He is referring to being home with his family and home with his spiritual family. He also loves being home with his family in Georgia. Home is a special place where we want to be. And our homes here give us a taste of Heaven!

The phrase “**eternal life**” is mentioned 68 times in the NKJV (**Mark 10:29-30, John 3:14-17, Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:13**)! Imagine that special feeling of going home and being home lasting forever! **Why Am I A Christian? Because I want to go home!** I want to forever be with my loved ones, including the Father who loves me in spite of my flaws, the Son who gave Himself for me and intercedes for me, and the Holy Spirit who gives me true life through His Word (**Psalm 16:11,** **Philippians 1:23, Revelation 21:3**).

**Closing**

In this series, we have talked about many reasons why I am a Christian and the blessings that Christians enjoy. For those of us who are Christians, let us be ready to let people know “Why I Am A Christian”. Encourage them to come to Jesus so they can enjoy the salvation and blessings of Jesus that we have.

If you are not Christian this morning, you are missing out on joys that not only will carry you through this life but will last through all eternity (**Titus 3:4-7**). You can be at home with the Lord and His people in this life and eternally in Heaven (**John 14:23**). Become a disciple by believing Jesus, making the good confession that He is the Son of God, repenting of your sins, and then having your sins washed away in the waters of baptism. The choice to follow Jesus is the most important and most rewarding choice you will ever make in your life! Many reasons to be thankful to be a Christian!

Let us know how we can help you while we stand and sing!