## Why Should I Receive Jesus Christ?

#### God Commands You to Do So

God is an all-knowing God, and He knows what is best for us all. He has never made an irresponsible decision, nor has He ever given an unjust command. God is always right--ALWAYS! So He is also right in commanding all men to REPENT of their sins. In Luke 13:3, the Lord Jesus Christ said, "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." In Acts 17:30 we are told that God COMMANDS all men everywhere to REPENT. God's word states that we are all sinners by nature (Rom. 3:23; Psa. 51:5), and that we can only be cleansed from our sins by repenting of them (turning from them) and turning to Jesus Christ for Salvation:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

God sent His only begotten Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. Jesus paid our sin debt for us. For us, He won the victory over SIN, DEATH, and HELL, and we can CLAIM that victory by RECEIVING Him as our Savior (John 1:12). God has no other Salvation plan. Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to Heaven; so God COMMANDS us to repent of our sins and receive Christ as Savior. In II Corinthians 6:2, the Bible says that, "....now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." You should receive the Lord Jesus Christ RIGHT NOW, because God COMMANDS you to do so.

#### You Can Have A Purpose in Life

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:20.

Once a person is saved, he becomes a CHILD OF GOD. He BELONGS to God, and his purpose in life is to SERVE God--to work toward fulfilling God's will on this earth. Jesus said, in Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Right this moment, you are either on God's WINNING side, or you are on Satan's LOSING side. There is no middle ground. You are either fighting FOR the Lord, or you are fighting AGAINST the Lord. By humbling yourself and receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior, you can actually JOIN God's great army and start fighting the good fight. You can become a soldier of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 2:3). You can have the inner joy of knowing that you're saved and that you are ON THE WINNING SIDE! Why, there is no greater honor in this world! You know, many people delight in joining up with various clubs and groups, but YOU can become a member of the greatest group ever! You can get saved and be a member of the BODY OF CHRIST! You can experience the honor of being a Blood-bought saint of God, and you can look forward to meeting the One Who made it all possible! Friend, you should receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, because in doing so, you will receive a PURPOSE for living!

### You Can Start Getting Rich

Jesus said, in Matthew 6:19-20, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

Friend, when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, then you can start laying up your treasure in Heaven. Basically speaking, when you receive Christ as your Savior, a new "bank account" is opened in Heaven in YOUR name, and the Lord makes regular deposits in that account as you faithfully serve Him. In Matthew 5:11-12, Jesus said to REJOICE when men revile you and persecute you for His sake, because GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN!

Imagine that! You may be dirt poor on this earth, but you can be RICH in Christ! You can have a very large "retirement account." God allows you to lay up treasure in Heaven which will endure forever. You can be RICH TOWARD GOD (Lk. 12:21), but not without Jesus Christ as your Savior. Without Jesus Christ, you are a loser. In eternity, you will have nothing, absolutely nothing, unless you receive Jesus Christ. You may have many things now,but in Hell you'll have NOTHING but pain and sorrow. Only in Christ can you have lasting possessions. Friend, you should receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, because then you can start getting rich.

#### You Can Escape the Damnation of Hell

In Matthew 25:41, Jesus Himself said that there is coming a day when He will say to the wicked, "....Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Revelation 20:15 says, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Then John 3:36 says that the "wrath of God" abides on everyone who does not have Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Have you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you RECEIVED Him as your personal Savior? Friend, without Jesus Christ, you will go to Hell and burn forever! You do not HAVE to, but without Christ you will. He has paid for your sins, and you can have peace with God THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST (Col. 1:20; Rom. 5:1). Ephesians 2:8-9 says that you can be saved by GRACE THROUGH FAITH, not by works. Romans 4:5 says, "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Friend, do you realize that you are a sinner, and that only Jesus Christ can save you? Do you realize that you must trust HIM ALONE to save you? If so, then why not repent of your sins and call upon the Lord to save you RIGHT NOW. The Bible says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Pray and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart and wash away all your sins. The decision is your's, and remember, NOW is the accepted time.

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