

What Christians Have That Others Don't Have

Text: Hebrews 2:1-4; 8:6

Introduction:

1. Today, as in ages past, the Christian has something that the world is searching for, but in all the wrong places.
 - a. Be it drugs, alcohol, lust of the flesh, sports, etc.
 - b. In the bars, casino's, Los Vegas and all its glitter, some south sea island with the gentle ocean breezes, or just drop out of society all together.
2. Many people today are searching for an inner peace and a sense of direction in their lives.
3. What the world needs is Jesus Christ in their lives in that He will give them the satisfaction and an inner peace that the world cannot give nor offer.
4. This morning we are going to look at some things that a Christian has that the world does not have, even though the world needs Him more today than they did yesterday.
 - I. Christians have God as their father.**
 - A. By His great love we, as Christians, are called sons of God -- **1 John 3:1-3**
 - B. We are sons by our faith in Christ -- **Galatians 3:26-27**
 - II. We have an absolute standard - the Bible.**
 - A. Knowing that sin is a transgression of God's law -- **1 John 3:4**
 - B. Given under the inspiration from God -- **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
 - C. Knowing that His Word today does not change as the world or society changes – God's word is still the standard to live by and what we will be judged by.
 - III. We have Jesus as our sympathetic High Priest.**
 - A. In One who died for us and has risen to live forevermore -- **Romans 8:34**
 - B. It is Jesus and Jesus alone who is our only mediator between us and God -- **1 Timothy 2:5**
 - C. Made in the likeness of men in that He suffered being tempted, but without sin -- **Hebrews 2:17-18; 3:1; 4:14-16**
 - IV. We have peace**
 - A. With our Great God
 1. In that we have agreed to the peace terms of our Creator with our obedience to His gospel – **1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 6:1-4**
 - B. With others
 1. Our entire outlook on others changes (we think that it is they that change, but, it is we who change and our attitude changes when we have an inner peace).
 - C. With ourselves
 1. An inner peace that cannot be described – **Philippians 4:7**
 2. An inner peace that no matter what happens, everything is okay – **2 Thessalonians 3:16**
 3. An inner peace in that we know that we have Someone who cares:
 - a) Either it is our Great God,
 - b) Or brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - V. We have a sense of direction and a purpose in life.**
 - A. Solomon experienced the height of enjoyment in every aspect of life: wealth, pleasure, and wisdom. Did it satisfy? It was all "vanity and vexation of spirit" (**Ecclesiastes 2:11**).
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 12:13,14
 1. Then he learned the real purpose of life: "Fear God and keep His commands" (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**).
 - B. The Bible tells us that God sent His Son to die for us to give us a purpose and sense of direction – **John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9**
 - C. God has provided the way through His Son – **John 14:6**
 - VI. We have access to God's forgiveness.**

A. As a Christian, we can confess our sins and He is just to cleanse us of all unrighteousness -- **1 John 1:5 - 2:2**

B. As Simon the Sorcerer was told by Peter of his transgressions and repent and pray to God for forgiveness -- **Acts 8:22**

VII. We have all spiritual blessings

A. In which we are richly blessed by God because: -- **Ephesians 1:3**

1. We are chosen – **Ephesians 1:4**
2. We are predestinated unto adoption – **Ephesians 1:5**
3. We have the glory of His grace – **Ephesians 1:6**
4. We have redemption - **Ephesians 1:7**
5. We have been made known of the mystery of His will - **Ephesians 1:8**
6. We have obtained an inheritance - **Ephesians 1:11**
7. We have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise - **Ephesians 1:13-14**

VIII. We have the assurance of eternal life

A. By what we have heard from the beginning and that it abides within us -- **1 John 2:24-25**

B. It is written so that we may know that we have eternal life -- **1 John 5:13**

1. What is written? Must be read in context – see **1 John 5:1-3** – Obedience to the commandments of God is required!

Conclusion:

1. As a Christian today we have a hope that springs eternal, knowing that we have Someone who really cares for us.
2. As a Christian today we many things that the world, can only imagine or dream of having – love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance – **Galatians 5:22-23**
3. We are truly blessed by God our Father by Him giving all of these things to us, knowing that by remaining faithful to Him we have eternal life awaiting each and every one of us as Christians.
4. Yes, today if you are not a Christian, you can be by believing that Jesus is the Christ (**John 8:24**); repenting of your sins (**Luke 13:3**); confessing His name before men (**Acts 8:37**); being baptized for the remission of your sins (**Acts 2:38**) and remaining faithful until the end (**Acts 2:42**).
5. Yes, you too can have all of these that the world does not have, because these things can be found only in Jesus Christ.