

Six Good Reasons To Get Saved

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John 3.16-19 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. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Perhaps you have heard the good news that God has provided a way for you to know Him personally and gain an entrance into Heaven. More than likely you know someone that is, what you would call, a religious fanatic. On the other hand you may have a good friend that has been dramatically changed by, what he calls, a personal experience with Jesus Christ. No matter what the circumstance is, it's got you thinking and something deep within you seems to be drawing you, and your not real sure what it is or where it is trying to lead you. I hope that this will be of some assistance to you.

God is reaching out to you.

No matter what you have heard, said, or believed in the past. The truth is that there is a God and that drawing that you are sensing is His hand touching your soul, striving to establish a personal relationship with Him, through Jesus Christ. Now perhaps you are asking, why should I accept Jesus Christ and get saved? Let me give you a few good reasons.

1. To escape the terror of hell (John 3.18).

This is possibly the most common reason ever given. The fact is that, according to God's revealed Word, you are already condemned, and the wrath of God is already burning all about you. For some reason most people believe that if there is a Heaven and a Hell, if there is a salvation and a condemnation, then it is futuristic. It just is not something that must be dealt with right now. But it is !

The emptiness within you, the fear within you, the drawing within you is the Holy Spirit of God convincing you of this one central truth - SALVATION IS OF GOD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ALONE!!

If the fear of Hell is not enough to convince you of your need to be saved, then perhaps the reality of personal, eminent condemnation is. You need a Savior and Jesus is Him.

2. To become a child of God (John 1.12)

A number of religions teach that everyone is a child of God, and state that God would not cast any of His children into a place like Hell. While it is true that God will never condemn any of His children, the Scriptural fact is clear, everyone is not automatically God's child.

In Hebrews 12.6-8 we are clearly told that there are children and there are bastards. In Galatians 4.1-6 it is revealed that there are servants and there are adopted children. What is the difference? God has clearly revealed that there is only one begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It is then clear that everyone ever created is God's servant, and only those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior are adopted into God's family (John 1.12, Gal 4.5).

God's children are treated differently than God's servants. God will teach, comfort, guide, and chastise His children. His servants are pretty much left to their own until their final judgment one day.

If you want to be one of God's children, then you need to accept Jesus, now.

3. To be heard by God.

Life magazine published an article on prayer. In the article they stated that according to their polls 95% of Americans pray. Now, I am certain that a praying individual wants to be heard. Yet, scripture clearly declares that everyone that prays is not necessarily heard by God.

Proverbs 15.8-9 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight. 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

Proverbs 28.9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

God has clearly revealed that He only hears the righteous. Notice, God does not say the good or the moral. In God's eyes the righteous are only those who have called out for Jesus to save them. For good deeds don't make us righteous, only Jesus can do that for us.

4. To receive help in trouble.

One thing that is common to almost all of us is that when we are in trouble we would like to think that God will help us. That is often when we will reach out toward God, even if we have denied Him before.

The truth is that God will not necessarily help a lost individual. In Proverbs 1.20-33 God clearly reveals that He will not always come to the aid of those who continually ignore and reject Him. However, in Psalm 46.1 God declares that for the righteous He is an ever present help in trouble. Notice that He doesn't say there won't be any trouble, but instead

He says He will be there to help. He even states that He will be in the very shadow of the valley of death with His Saints (Ps 23.4).

You need God to be with you in trials, won't you accept Him today?

5. To know the truth and freedom.

Many believe that the truth is a matter of personal opinion, and that freedom is found in the absence of the restrictions of moral values. One thing that I have learned is that there can not be freedom apart from the truth. Truth manifests those things that would bring restraint, harm, and bondage into a persons life. Truth also brings the knowledge of how to find real contentment and happiness in life.

Well, the truth is not a moral principle, but is a person. Jesus Christ is the truth (John 14.6). The truth that Jesus brings into a life sets one at liberty with God and mankind, and provides for a more abundant life (John 10.10).

You may think you know liberty and life, as I once did. The truth is that you can not know either apart from Jesus, won't you reach out to Him now?

6. You can know the deep things of God (1 Cor 2.9-10).

God has revealed that He wants to have a deep personal relationship with you (Rev 3.20). He literally wants to come into you and become a part of your life. He will be a friend that will be closer than a brother (Prov 18.24), if you will let Him.

He also want to teach you the "deep things of God" (1 Cor 2.9-10). That is the one of the tasks of the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian. Those things that you thought were just to awesome for anyone to understand, God will teach you Himself. But He will only provide that deep spiritual knowledge to a Child of God. He clearly states that the things of God will be foolishness to the lost soul (1 Cor 1.17-18), and can only be understood through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit of God.

This could be available to you as well. For , at the very moment that you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior the Spirit of God will come to dwell within you (Eph 1.13), and will start to teach you. Won't you accept Jesus Christ, today !