



As Christians we are eager to invite others to attend our services. They, however, may not always understand why we are so eager to get them to become disciples of Jesus or be aware of what the word of God can do in their lives.

Similarly young people are often puzzled by the anxiety of their parents when they show little interest in a spiritual life. They may even wonder, “What is the big deal? I don’t see any relevance between Christianity and my life. I’m doing just fine without it.”

The truth is that the Bible and its teachings are always relevant to all our lives at all times in our lives. This is because:

1. We are spiritual beings and the Bible addresses the needs of our inner nature and shows us how to fulfill them.
2. Man’s problems are chiefly spiritual in nature and the Bible offers us solutions to the spiritual problems we face and it offers safeguards that keep us from experiencing these problems.

So then I want to help you understand the reason for our persistence in persuading others to become Christians. The reason is to be found in answering this important question that you may be asking, “What can being a Christian do for me?” Consider these points.

It can give you a life of maximum joy and happiness.

The first recorded message of Jesus in the NT stresses what the gospel can do for those who accept and live by it:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be

comforted.”

“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Mt. 5:3-6)

What Jesus is doing in these verses, and those that follow, is affirming the life-changing impact of following kingdom values. Each attitude in this section begins with the same word "blessed", a word suggesting complete bliss or happiness. Being spiritually transformed by the gospel results, Jesus says, in spiritual bliss or happiness inside. He shows us that happiness does not result from how much we achieve in life, how much money we attain, or how popular we have become, but in our character.

It can free you from every enslaving and life-destroying habit.

Often we do not realize the great power that sin has to enslave; but Jesus affirmed the enslaving power of sin to His generation: *“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.” (John 8:34)*

Sin can indeed have a terrible addictive and destructive power that is not always immediately evident. For example, the Bible warns of the consequences of “drunkenness”. Yet, most people who are lured into this sin do not realize at first the power that addiction to alcohol can have on one’s life. But what is the “finished product of the brewer’s art”? It is a drunken driver on the highway that takes away a father or mother from their children, a drunken father who comes home to abuse his family, a broken marriage, a lost job.

In contrast, following the teaching of Jesus results in freedom from sin: *“Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)*



Moreover addictive sins are often rooted in various attitudes that only God can ultimately remedy. It may be feelings of boredom, hopelessness, or low self-image based on past abuse. But the gospel reveals real remedies that release people from the grip of terrible addictions because it offers a message of meaning, love, and hope. It speaks of the love God has for all sinners and the blessings that come through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:6-8)

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

We don’t have to wait until we have made a mess of our lives to seek spiritual help. We can choose to respect the wise guidance of the Scripture proactively and avoid the spiritual pitfalls that leave ruin and destruction in their wake.

It can mend your broken heart in time of sorrow.



Jesus Himself announced His role as the comforting Messiah (Lk. 4:18-19). Through the gospel, those who sorrow can find comfort in Jesus’ promise of resurrection and eternal life just as He offered comfort to His beloved friend Martha.

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

Do you believe this!? Think what a wonderful comfort this is in time of loss for those who believe in Him. And consider the words of Jesus when facing our own morality:

“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:44)

We cannot forestall death; but if we are Christians we have an advantage. We have the comfort of God’s love and the hope of resurrection to eternal life for those we love as well as for ourselves.

It can give you strength to endure any and every blow that comes your way.

Being a Christian will not exempt us from life’s cruel blows. Suffering is non-discriminating; it affects both the evil and the good. However, God has promised that His power will work in the lives of believers to strengthen them.

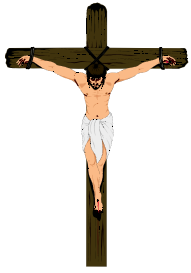
Paul praised this God *“...who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us” (Ephesians 3:20)*

So that we no longer have to say, "I just can't bear up any longer". Instead like Paul we can say, *“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”.* (Philippians 4:13)

It can tell you how to escape the condemnation and guilt of sin, and give you a peace that passes all understanding.

What wonderful news the gospel is! Though we have sinned against the will of the Creator, He has graciously offered a way of salvation through the death of Jesus Christ (Jn. 3:16).

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In receiving God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus (Ac. 10:43), through repentance and baptism (Ac. 2:38) we can experience a true inner peace. We can take consolation in the covenant promise God has made to His people, *"For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."* (Heb. 8:12).

It can give you a hope that looks beyond this life to a land of indescribable glory.

What if this world is all that there is? Then this life has been utter vanity, just as Solomon said (Ecclesiastes 1:1). But for those who believe the words of God, there is a clear vision of what awaits us beyond death.

It caused the apostle Paul to say, *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."* (Romans 8:18)

The vanity of this world will give way to the glory of the world to come. Consequently we can have a living hope!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

This is what being a Christian can do for you!

Is this not what the entire world is seeking? Yet all too often we do not realize until it is too late that we have neglected the greatest source of wisdom in our lives. I hope that you will not let that happen to you!

Because if you miss the blessings of being a Christian, you have missed all there is!

So, let me issue one final challenge to your thinking. Reflect for a moment on who you know that radiates the most joyous outlook, who is not in the grip of vice, who shows the greatest assurance in the face of death, who possesses the greatest inner strength in the storms of life, who seems to enjoy the greatest inner peace and who lives with the great optimism about the future. I feel sure that the person you are thinking of right now is someone who seeks to follow Jesus Christ.

So pardon us if at times we seem overly eager to share with you the message of Jesus. We just want you to experience what we're experiencing. We want you to know the blessing Jesus has brought to our lives. We want you to become a Christian before it is too late.



"The question, therefore, is one of life or death. We will not, we cannot give up our faith in the Bible. To do so is to surrender ourselves to blank despair. It is to blot out the sun from the heavens and extinguish at once the very source of light and life and holiness"
--William Henry Green

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