

# Why I Am A Christian

**TEXT:** 1 Pet. 4:15-16

## **INTRODUCTION:**

### **A. WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?**

1. A disciple( **Acts 11:26** ). An adherent to a discipline.
2. What is a disciple?( **Mat. 28:19; John 8:31-32** ).

### **B. WHY SHOULD ONE DESIRE TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?**

### **I. THAT HE MIGHT RETURN GOD'S LOVE.**

- A. **John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10.**
- B. WE WERE TAUGHT LOVE BY GOD( **1 John 4:19** ).
- C. LOVING GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE( **1 John 5:3** ).

### **II. THAT HE MIGHT SERVE JESUS WHO DIED FOR ALL.**

- A. WHAT DID JESUS DO FOR US( **Mat. 20:28; 26:28** ).
- B. WHAT DOES JESUS HAVE TO OFFER( **1 Cor. 15:55-57** ).
- C. HIS LOVE ALSO DEMANDS OBEDIENCE( **John 14:15** ).

### **III. THAT WE MIGHT SHARE CHRIST'S GLORY WITH HIM.**

- A. THIS WE DO BY IMITATING HIM( **1 Pet. 2:21** ).
- B. BY POINTING OTHERS TO HIM( **Mat. 5:16** ).
- C. BY WEARING HIS NAME( **1 Pet. 4:16** ).
- D. WE REIGN WITH JESUS( **Rev. 5:9-10; 1 Pet. 2:9** ).
- E. OUR GLORY IS ETERNAL( **Col. 3:1-4** ).

### **IV. THAT HE MIGHT LIVE THE BEST LIFE HERE.**

- A. GOD BLESSES ALL HIS CREATION( **Mat. 5:45** ).
- B. EVERYTHING GOOD COMES FROM GOD( **James 1:17** ).
- C. BUT SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS COME ONLY THROUGH JESUS( **Eph. 1:3** ).
- D. TRUST LEADS TO PEACE( **Phil. 4:6-7** ).
- E. THE CHRISTIAN IS GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES THAT MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THOSE AROUND HIM( **Rom. 13:8; Mat. 7:12; Gal. 6:10** ).

### **V. THAT HE MIGHT GO TO HEAVEN WHEN HE DIES.**

- A. ALL MUST DIE AND FACE JUDGMENT( **Heb. 9:27** ).
- B. JESUS HAS PROMISED HIS DISCIPLES A MANSION( **John 14:1-3** ).
- C. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY?( **2 Thes. 1:7-9** ).

## **CONCLUSION: ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?**