

Benefits of the Christian Life

The Best News I've Ever Heard - Part 3 - November 27, 2016

- ❖ What is the greatest news you've ever heard?
(YOU FILL IN THE BLANK) .
- ❖ A feature is a characteristic that makes something **UNIQUE**.
- ❖ A feature sets something **APART** and does something **SPECIAL**.
- ❖ A benefit is how that feature can **HELP YOU**.

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him." Acts 10:38 (NIV)

Benefit #1 **SALVATION for your spirit.**

- ❖ **PERFECTION** is not a prerequisite for salvation.
- ❖ The only prerequisite is a **GENUINE** & **SINCERE** heart.

"When Jesus heard this, he told them, 'Healthy people don't need a doctor — sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.'" Mark 2:17 (NLT)

The Lord rewards our sincerity as we seek Him. He doesn't care about where you come from or your background.

- ❖ The consequences of your decision to fully engage in a relationship with Christ will go on for **GENERATIONS**.

Benefit #2 PEACE for your mind.

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’” Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

- ❖ Christ will guide you through the STORMS of LIFE and give you PEACE, because He is the PRINCE of PEACE.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

Benefit #3 HEALING for your body and soul.

- ❖ God always has COMPASSION on those who SUFFER. The heart of God desires to help and comfort those who are downtrodden.
- ❖ The Lord saw a BARRIER that had to be REMOVED. Before any blessing or healing could come, the man’s sin had to be forgiven.
- ❖ Many times it’s those SINFUL things in our hearts that keep us from experiencing God’s peace, healing, and the breakthrough we seek.
- ❖ God’s number one priority is always the CONDITION of our heart.

Benefit #4 DELIVERANCE from the destructive patterns in your life.

“If the Son sets you free, you’ll be free indeed.” John 8:36 (NASB)