

The Biblical Description of the Christian

Introduction

A. By the term "Christian" we designate the person who has received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

B. The "Christian" is one to whom the value, privileges, and power of the atonement has been applied.

C. The atonement (Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost has been designed by God to reverse the sinful condition of the non-Christ.

I. The Christian, once Unrighteous, is now Righteous before God.

Therefore being justified (declared righteous) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:3,4.

II. The Christian, once Guilty, is now Forgiven before God.

In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7.

... having forgiven you all trespasses. Colossians 2:13

III. The Christian, once Blinded by Satan, has been Given Discernment by God.

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me. Acts 26:18

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the World; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:12

IV. The Christian, once Condemned, is now Absolved before God.

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. John 3:18

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1

V. The Christian, once Alienated, is now Reconciled to God.

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God; by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life (in Heaven). Romans 5:10

And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled. Colossians 1:18

VI. The Christian, once Enslaved to Sin and Satan, is now Freed by God.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14,15

See Acts 26:18 above.

VII. The Christian, once Dead in Sin, is now Alive to God.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on Him. John 3:06

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

VIII. The Christian, once Depraved (totally disabled) by Sin, is Empowered by God.

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. I Corinthians 1:24

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

Conclusion

A. The Biblical Summary: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, Ephesians 1:3

According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue. II Peter 1:3

B. Who can fathom the honor and privilege of being a child of God? These verses should lead every Christian to give thanks to God and should lead every non-Christian to fully repent of sin and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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