

The Biblical Description of the Christian

Introduction

- A. By the term "non-Christian" we designate the person who has not received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord*
- B. This condition of the non-Christian is described as most serious.
- C. It is important that we take the Bible as final authority, give heed to what it says, and accept the offer and invitation of salvation.

I. The Non-Christian is Unrighteous before God.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 3:10

(God has provided righteousness in the Person and work of Christ, Romans 8:1-3)

II. The Non-Christian is Guilty before God.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

(God has provided forgiveness in the Person and work of Christ, Col. 2:13)

III. The Non-Christian is Blinded by Satan through Sin.

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Romans 1:21

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them. II Cor. 4:4

(God has provided discernment in the Person and work of Christ, Acts 26:18)

IV. The Non-Christian is Condemned 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

Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Romans 5:18

(God has provided acquittal in the Person and work of Christ, Romans 8:1)

V. The Non-Christian is Alienated from God.

Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart. Ephesians 4:18

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

(God has provided reconciliation in the Person and work of Christ, Romans 5:10)

VI. The Non-Christian is Enslaved to Sin and Satan.

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. John 8:34

And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins ; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Eph. 2:1,2

(God has provided freedom in the Person and work of Christ, John 8:32)

VII. The Non-Christian is Dead in Sin.

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

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved). Eph. 2:5

(God has provided life in the Person and work of Christ, John 3:36)

VIII. The Non-Christian is Depraved (totally disabled) by Sin.

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5

(God has provided enablement in the Person and work of Christ, I Cor. 1:24)

Conclusion

A. The Biblical Summary: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6

B. The non-Christian must confess his sin in repentance and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name. John 1:12

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