

Many wonder, why become a Christian? What's in it for me? While perhaps a little self-centered and selfish, still many do ask these questions. And what answer do we have for them? More importantly, what answers has God given to these questions? Let's explore some of the benefits one obtains from being "in Christ."

First, there is the matter of "how" exactly one gets into a relationship with Christ. The Bible teaches that after one has been taught (Rom. 10:14), believed (Heb. 11:6), confessed (Rom. 10:9-10), and repented (Ac. 2:38), one gets into Christ by being baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27).

Having done all these things, one enters into a relationship with Christ and added to His church (Ac. 2:40). Christ is the head of the church (Col. 1:18), and we all form the one body, the church of Christ (Eph. 4:4).

In Christ, we have been born again, to live again, as new creatures (2Cor. 5:17), and we have been thus so created to do good works which God has appointed for us to do (Eph. 2:10), thus we have purpose and meaning in this life.

In Christ we have no condemnation (Rom. 8:1). So long as we walk in the light of Christ, as He is the Light, we continue to have fellowship with the church both its head, which is Christ Jesus, and with the body, our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ (1Jn. 1:7) and Christ's blood continues to cleanse us from sin.

In Christ we have hope of victory, as He leads us home in a triumphal procession (2Cor. 2:14). For in Christ, we are more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37).

Finally, in Christ, we have the abundant life now and the hope of abundant existence for all of eternity (Jn. 10:10; Heb. 6:19).

All of this is Good News, to you, and to all who would hear. Please, tell someone of the joy, which fills your mind, heart, and soul. (written by Ken Downs)

See you Sunday!

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