

Christ Provides

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We need to realize that Christianity is not Just Something We Do. For many people Christianity is just a routine, a ritual, a habit. They are just going through the motions. But Christianity is much, much more than that.

Christianity is a Way of Life. It is our life! It is who we are! We are Christians! We belong to Christ!

As Christians, Christ Provides Everything We Need.

Paul tells us in the book of Philippians that there are four things that Christ provides for each and every Christian.

We will call them the Four P's of Philippians.

They will be the points of our lesson.

Because of the resurrection Christ Provides...

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...The Purpose of Life! And what is the Purpose of Life? This is a questions that mankind has asked down through the ages, "Why am I here?" Some say we are here by accident (those who proclaim evolution) and there is no real purpose to man being here. If that is true, then no wonder it is each man for himself! If this life is all there is we might as well get everything we can get and who cares who it hurts. But God's Word tells us differently.

Phil. 1:21, "For me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all."

Because of the resurrection Christ also provides...

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...The Pattern for Life.

Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." As Christ lived so is to be our way of life.

I Peter 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

I John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Matt. 6:14-15, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Romans 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

Luke 19:10, “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Galatians 5:22-23, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”
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...The Prize of life. We all like to receive prizes.

Phil. 3:14, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

John 14:1-4, “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

How do we obtain the prize of eternal life? By obedience to the commands of God. Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and be Baptized.

Rom. 6:3-6, “do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

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... The Power for life.

Phil. 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Only true happiness and fulfillment...

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... comes from serving Christ! The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the focal point of all of Christianity. Without the resurrection we would be lost in our sins! Today, we do not just serve a man that lived and died some 2,000 years ago. No, we serve the man, Jesus Christ, who lived, died and was raised from the dead, never to die again and is now sitting at the right hand of God in Heaven!

Purpose.....To Serve Him

Pattern.....To Follow In His Steps

Prize.....Eternal Life

Power.....To Remain Faithful

We must look to Jesus to provide the things that we need. This morning (evening), Are you looking...