

WHAT CHRIST OFFERS MEN

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INTRODUCTION

1. As God looked upon the world steeped in sin, His heart went out in LOVE for man who had become the victim of his own lusts and sins.
2. Out of that infinite love, God was moved to send His own Son into the world to redeem man – John 3:16; Rom. 5:8.
3. Christ summed up His mission into the world in these words, “*For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost*” – Luke 19:10.
4. Christ extended the great invitation to ALL men – Matt. 11: 28 – 30.
5. Christ commissioned the apostles to preach the gospel to all men – Mk. 16:15 – 16; Matt. 28: 19 – 20.
6. Christ offers to men what no other can or dare offer.
7. Let us study what Christ offers men.

I. CHRIST OFFERS MEN FREEDOM FROM SIN – Rom. 5: 12

- a. All men have sinned – Rom. 3: 9 – 10, 23 ; I John 1: 8.
- b. What is sin?
 - i. Sin is the transgression of the Law – I John 3:4.
 - ii. Sin is acting without law – Matt. 7: 23.
- c. Various kinds of sins:
 - i. The sins of OMISSION – James 4:17; Matt. 23:23.
 - ii. The sins of COMMISSION – I John 3:4.
 - iii. The sins of PRESUMPTION – Psa. 19:13.
 - iv. The sins of the WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH – Matt. 26:41; Gal. 6:1.
 - v. The sins of UNRIGHTEOUSNESS – I John 5:17.
 - vi. The sins of IGNORANCE – Rom. 10:3; I Tim. 1:13.
 - vii. The SECRET SINS – Psa. 90:8.
 - viii. The sins of VIOLATING THE CONSCIENCE – Rom. 14:23.
- d. All sin is against God:
 - i. Psa. 51: 3 – 4
 - ii. Gen. 39:9
- e. Christ offers FREEDOM from Sin:
 - i. John 8:32
 - ii. Mk. 16:15 – 16
 - iii. Matt. 26: 28
 - iv. Eph. 1: 7
 - v. Matt. 20:28
 - vi. Heb. 2:9
 - vii. Acts 4: 11 -12
- f. Man receives this freedom from sin when he OBEYS the gospel – Acts 2: 38; Rom. 6: 17 – 18.

- g. As a CHRISTIAN I can have freedom from sin when I am overcome by temptation and sin – I John 2: 1 – 2; I John 1:9; Acts 8:22.
- h. Freedom from sin is man's supreme need.
 - i. Christ offers this freedom to all men who will come unto Him in obedience – Rom. 6: 17 – 18; Rom. 1:16; Heb. 5: 9

II. CHRIST OFFERS MAN A WAY OF LIFE

- a. Jesus Christ offers to men a way that is RIGHT.
 - i. Christ is the WAY – John 14:6.
 - ii. The Bible speaks of this life in His steps as “THE WAY” – I Pet. 2: 21; Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; Acts 24:14, 22
 - iii. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the WAY – Isa. 35:8.
 - iv. This WAY OF HOLINESS is the one traveled by men whose hearts and lives are changed – Isa. 35:9; Lk. 24:4 – they have been converted.
 - 1. Evil desires are overcome – Mk. 7: 20 – 23.
 - 2. Vulgar words are NOT spoken – Matt. 12:35.
 - 3. Sinful and wicked dispositions are changed into kindness, longsuffering, forbearance, goodness, and meekness – Col. 3: 12 – 14 – forgiving.
- b. Jesus spoke of this WAY as a “*straitened*” way – Matt. 7: 13 – 14.
 - i. It is a pent up, narrow and close way.
 - ii. A way strict in requirements, obligations, and principles.
 - iii. The life of His disciples is rigorous in its self-discipline and moral demands.
- c. The WAY of Christ is a way of SERVICE TO OTHERS; a way that puts others before self.
 - i. The disciples had argued which one should be first in the Kingdom – Matt. 20: 20 – 28.
 - ii. True greatness in the Kingdom of Christ rests upon humble service to others – Phil. 2: 1 – 8; Matt. 20:26.
 - iii. Service to others turns one's eyes from self, destroying selfishness, and building thoughtfulness, consideration, and humility in its stead.
- d. His WAY is a way of PEACE.
 - i. Christ is the “*Prince of peace*” – Isa. 9:6.
 - ii. On the night He was betrayed, Jesus spoke these words – John 14:27.
 - iii. The peace of God is to rule in our hearts – Eph. 3:15; Phil. 4:7.
 - iv. A peace in which the heart is not troubled, nor fearful, because of its faith in Christ – 2 Tim. 1:12.
 - v. His way is a way of peace and inner calm.

III. CHRIST OFFERS CITIZENSHIP IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

- a. Christ came to establish the Kingdom of God among men.
 - i. Daniel had foretold its establishment – Dan. 2:44.
- b. This kingdom was “SET UP” on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus – Acts 2: 36.
- c. ALL who are born again enter this Kingdom – John 3: 3 – 5; Col. 1:13.
- d. Those in the Kingdom are to cease to worry about the material things of life – Matt. 6:33.

- e. In the Kingdom one has fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – I John 1:3.
- f. This Kingdom is not of this world – John 18:36; Rom. 14:17.

IV. CHRIST OFFERS A HOME HEREAFTER

- a. The way of Christ is the way which finds the greatest happiness and usefulness HERE in this present life, and the way which leads to ETERNAL LIFE hereafter.
 - i. Tit. 1:2 *"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began"*.
 - ii. I John 2: 25 *"And this is the promise, that He hath promised us, even eternal life"*.
 - iii. I Tim. 1:1 *"Lord Jesus Christ, which is our HOPE"*.
 - iv. John 14: 1 – 6
 - v. Rev. 21:3 – 4
 - vi. Matt. 25:34

V. THERE SHALL BE PERSECUTION ALSO

- a. Christ offers no "bed of roses", no road of ease – 2 Tim. 3:13.
- b. With the promises of such blessings as none other has ever conceived, Jesus assures us there will be PERSECUTIONS AND TRIALS – Mk. 10:30; John 15:20.
- c. Be not deceived in becoming a Christian, and living faithfully the life of a follower of Christ, one will be PERSECUTED – Matt. 5: 10 – 12; John 16:33.
- d. These persecutions are for the good of the Christian, and in no way impairs the peace and joy of his journey – Phil. 4:4; Rom. 5: 3 – 5; James 1: 2 – 4.

VI. CONCLUSION

- a. If you are out of Christ, won't you accept His offer today?
- b. His Invitation – Matt. 11: 28 – 30.