

WHY ARE YOU NOT A CHRISTIAN?

Psalm 39:1-7

Introduction: If asked to lift your hand if you are a Christian, probably almost everyone here would lift the hand. However not everyone might not be able to honestly say "I am a Christian." Why are people not Christians? Why don't people believe in Jesus?

Our text is about a man who had been putting God off for quite some time and then he looked about himself and saw how brief life on earth was and he saw how unsatisfying it really was. He said the earthly life was so brief, it went away so quickly and how uncertain it was, how suddenly life came to an end.

We have seen the news or read the paper where someone just fell over dead while putting on their shoes, or just leaned back in their recliner to take a nap and never woke up. There are many other stories about people suddenly dying which reinforces the realization the man in our text suddenly saw. Life is quick and uncertain.

Jesus said, *"Go and get the whole world, get all that you possible can, wealth, honor, pleasure, get the whole world and let it be yours...but what shall it profit you if you get it at the loss of your soul?"*

It is said that there is a little plant called the "Nardoo" which is delicious and people love to eat it yet there is absolutely no vitamin value, no contribution to the human body whatsoever and if a person doesn't eat something else, he/she would starve to death. Even though it tasted delicious and was pleasant to look at, it was of no human value whatsoever.

- The man in our text found all this to be true but then he turned to the Lord and said, *"Lord, what am I waiting for? Why am I putting you off? My only hope lies in you."* So now comes the question, why are YOU not a Christian? What are you waiting for?

I. IS IT BECAUSE YOU DO NOT THINK YOU NEED TO BE?

1. Would you really say that? In face of what the Bible says about sin, the lost, and about the saving power of Jesus Christ?
2. The Bible tells us that no person can save him/herself and no human being can live as he/she should.
3. The bible also tells us that everyone, every single soul must be born again, be saved in order to enter the Kingdom of God.
4. Really, no one would honestly believe that he/she didn't need to be saved after hearing what the Bible has to say.

II. IS IT BECAUSE YOU CANNOT BELIEVE?

1. What is it that you cannot believe? Who is it you cannot believe?

2. There are two questions every person must face: "What think ye of Christ?" and "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"
3. Who is Jesus? Where did He come from? What did He come for? What did He do for people? What does He propose to do? What can He do? What Think Ye of Jesus Christ?
4. The other question is "What Shall I do With Christ?"
 - You must accept Him or you must reject Him. You must cast your vote for Him or against Him. You must crown Him King in your life or you must crucify Him. You must be for Him or against Him. You must be His friend or His enemy. So now, which is logical, reasonable, sane, right thing to do?

III. IS IT BECAUSE YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP TOO MUCH?

1. Jesus doesn't want you to give up anything except that which is wrong. That which hurts you, that which poisons you, that which, if you do not repent of, shall kill you.
 - Supposing you had two stores. One was a little \$100 one and the other was a big million dollar one and you spent all your time at the little store and ignored the big one. Crazy? Unreasonable? Insane? Stupid?
 - Yet Jesus comes to you here in this little space of time, called your earthly life of a few years and tells you to not give all your attention to the little time called your life but to give the big time which is eternity more attention.
 - We are made to live forever. Beyond the grave, beyond this earth lies a bigger place called eternity. Give you attention to that bigger life.

IV. IS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE WAITING UNTIL YOU ARE GOOD ENOUGH?

1. Where do you plan on getting your goodness? If you can get good enough by yourself, then Jesus need not have come and you don't need anybody else but yourself.
2. You cannot save yourself. The Bible plainly teaches that fact and your own life proves it.
3. You must be born again and by the power of God. So all this waiting until you get good enough is utterly futile and useless and will only bring death to your soul.

V. IS IT BECAUSE THE CHRISTIANS YOU HAVE SEEN DON'T ACT LIKE CHRISTIANS?

1. Right! There are such Christians and may God forgive them for being that way.
2. They are not perfect people. Do you know anybody who is perfect?
3. Christians do not tell you "Hey, be like me" but "Be like Jesus." Jesus is our role model, not one another. The actions of others have nothing to do with your soul, but Jesus does.

4. Jesus says, *Therefore, thou art inexcusable oh man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself..*"

VII. ARE YOU WAITING FOR THE RIGHT FEELING TO COME ALONG?

1. What kind of feeling is the "right feeling?" Feeling is not our part, it is Jesus Christ's.
 - Jesus did not say, *"If any feel so and so, he/she shalt be saved..."*
 - All through the New Testament there is never a word about feeling ever saving anybody.
2. It is true that when some one has been saved, some have wept, some have laughed, some have shouted, while some remained silent with no sign of feeling or emotion of any sort. Feelings do not save. Jesus Saves!

VIII. IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT ALL?

1. Come away from that thought or excuse for you nor anybody else will never, never understand it.
2. No person is wise enough to understand about being born again. Nicodemus in talking to Jesus tried to understand it but couldn't. Jesus explained it as how the wind blows. It blows but nobody knows where it comes from or where it goes. It can't be seen yet you know it is there. Jesus said that being born is like that.
3. Your part in being saved is to TRUST. Jesus' part is to save. A mystery? Yes. But without faith in Jesus Christ, you will go into eternity lost and damned to Hell.

IX. IS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE WAITING ON SOMEONE ELSE?

1. What if someone is waiting on you to accept Jesus as Savior and they he/she will? Don't wait on anybody else for that person is probably waiting on you.

X. SO, WHY ARE YOU NOT A CHRISTIAN?

1. Most people will say "I'm not a Christian right now, but I'm going to, just not right now."
2. Excuses of the human heart, that little voice that says "wait till next time" all come from Satan. When you wait, Satan wins. If you only know how many people are in Hell right now because they said the very same things you are saying now as to why they didn't become a Christian. Don't listen to anybody's voice, not even yours, except that voice of Jesus telling you to "come to Him."

CONCLUSION:

1. Right now is the time to come to Jesus. No more delays, no more excuses, right now.
2. Face it, you will go into eternity as everyone else has and will, go with Jesus in your heart.