

**Christ & the Christian**  
**Phil 3:7-8**  
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Thesis: I want to discuss the relationship between Christ and the Christian.

- Intro: 1. Today I want to look at three concerning Christ and the Christian.
- a. What Christ Can Do **For** the You
  - b. What Christ Can Do **In** You
  - c. What Christ Can Do **With** You

I. What Christ Can Do **For** You

- A. Christ can save you from sin (**Mt 1:21**)
  1. He can save one from the **guilt** of sin (**Col 1:13-14**)
  2. He can save one from the **condemnation** of sin (**Rom 8:1**)
  3. He can save one from the **control** of sin [**Rom 8:1-2**; made **free** from law (rule) of sin]
- B. Christ can give you abundant life (**Jn 10:10**)
- C. Christ can lead you to the Father (**Jn 14:6**)

II. What Christ Can Do **In** You

- A. He can inspire the heart with **hope** (**Col 1:27**)
  1. Hope anchors the soul in a sea of fear, turmoil, frustration, hate, and uncertainty (**Heb 6:19-20**)
  2. Hope gives one a **reason to rejoice** (**Rom 5:2**)
- B. He can **enable** one to face the problems of life (**Phil 4:13**)
  1. The Lord was Paul's hope and stay even when all others forsook him (**2 Tim 4:16-17**)
  2. The Lord will "stand by" us when we live for Him!
- C. He **gives peace** to the heart (**Col 3:15**)
- D. He **grants power** to help His people (**Eph 3:20**)
  1. Power to stand against temptation (**Heb 4:15-16**)
  2. Power to do good (**Eph 5:11-12**)

III. What Christ Can Do **With** You

- A. He can make a "Fisher of men" of you (**Mt 4:19**)
- B. He can make:
  1. **Better fathers and husbands** (*Eph 5:25; 6:1; Col 3:21*)
  2. **Better mothers and wives** (*Eph 5:23; Titus 2:2-6; Col 3:18*)
  3. **Better sons and daughters** (*Eph 6:1-2; Col 3:20*)

IV. Lessons for Us Today

- A. Benefits Only with Christ
  1. Only Christ offers the things we have discussed today.
  2. The things that mankind offers are only temporary in nature and they are not adequate for facing the trials of life.

B. Only Christ makes us acceptable to God. (**Col 1:19-22**)

1. When we compare what Christ offers and what man offers, Christ offers more.
2. What Christ offers leads to a life that far exceeds this present life.

Application & Conclusion:

1. One must pay the price of being a Christian (**Mt 16:24-26**)
2. If you choose not to be a Christian the price is MUCH higher.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9