

In Christ Alone We Can Trust
2 Tim 1:12
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Thesis: I want to show reasons why we can & should trust in Christ.

- Intro:
1. Is it easy to find those today whom you can trust?
 2. Is Christ worthy of your trust?

I. When Trust rests in those OUTSIDE of Christ.

A. Trusting man brings false hope.

1. The commandments of men turns a person from THE truth (**Titus 1:14**)
2. The Apostles, inspired men of God, did not follow such things and neither should we (**2 Pt 1:16**).

B. Trusting in man separates one from Christ.

1. Man often times puts up idols in their hearts. (**Ezk 14:3-6**)
 - a. These idols sometimes come in the form of setting up teachers of false doctrines as an idol which they will follow to the ends of the earth.
2. We must not be one who follows a blind teacher, or we too, will become blind (**Lk 6:39**).
 - a. Trusting in men only leads to heartache.

II. Trust IN Christ

A. Trusting in Christ brings abundant living.

1. Christ promised followers a better life (**Jn 10:10**).
2. The Christian life brings joy that the non-Christian will never know (**1 Pt 4:3-5**).
 - a. **Ecc 2:10-11**

B. Trusting in Christ brings Security

1. Those in Christ do not depart unless they decide to do so themselves (**Jn 10:28-29**).
2. Those who are in Christ have security that one day they will be with Christ (**Jn 14:1-3**).

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Christ Alone is worthy of our Trust

1. Paul reminds us of this powerful fact (**2 Tim 1:12**).
2. Christ has promised us eternal life and He keeps His promises (**1 Jn 2:25**).

B. Can Christ Trust You?

1. Can He Trust you to be faithful (**Rev 2:10**)?
2. Can He Trust you to love Him always (**Mk 12:30**)?

Application & Conclusion:

1. Have you placed your trust in Christ?
2. One cannot gain Heaven and lose the threat of Hell until you place your obedient, trust in Christ.
 - a. This begins by obeying the gospel.
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 8:37, Lk 13:3

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