

The Christian Arsenal

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EXPERIENCE FREEDOM THIS EASTER!

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Colossians 1:14

INTRO: George Gallup says that 84% of Americans say they accept the resurrection of Jesus Christ and believe it is an historical fact.

“Christ bought our freedom with His blood.” Col. 1:14 (LB)

FROM WHAT CAN CHRIST SET ME FREE?

1. I CAN BE FREE FROM GUILT OVER MY PAST.

- Guilt is the number one destroyer of happiness
- Guilt is the number one source of stress.
- Guilt is the number one cause of depression.

“By the death of Christ we are set free. That is our sins are forgiven.” Eph 1:7 (GN)

“He has cancelled every record of the debt we owed. Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.” Col. 2:14 (JB)

WHAT GOD HAS FORGIVEN – I CAN FORGET!

“There is no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ.” Romans 8:1 (LB)

2. CHRIST WANTS TO SET YOU FREE FROM WORRY ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.

“God’s Spirit has been at work in your heart through Jesus Christ. May God grant you increasing freedom from anxiety and fear.” I Peter 1:2 (LB)

Don’t panic – pray! When you start to worry, if it’s worth worrying about it’s worth praying about.

Worry cannot change your past, worry cannot control the future, all it does is mess up today!

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"I am ready for anything through the strength of Christ who lives in me." Phil 4:13 (Ph)

There are 365 "fear nots" in the Bible. That's one for every day of the year.

3. CHRIST CAN SET ME FREE FROM LIVING WITHOUT PURPOSE TODAY.

THINGS PEOPLE TRY TO FIND PURPOSE

- Some people try pleasure.
- Some people try prestige and power.
- Some people try popularity.
- Some people try possessions.

What you need in life is not success, but significance.

"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as He meant for us to live it." Ephesians 2:10 (JB)

"Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus." Acts 20:24 (LB)

4. JESUS CAN SET ME FREE FROM HAVING TO EARN MY WAY TO HEAVEN.

"Christ has set you free from following the world's idea of how to be saved by doing good and obeying various rules ..." Colossians 2:20 (LB)

SOME TRUTHS ABOUT HEAVEN – TWO PLANS

PLAN A

- Heaven is a perfect place.
- You have to be perfect to go there.

PLAN B

- To get to Heaven on God's ticket and trust in Christ, the only person who was perfect to get you there.

"You don't earn the right to heaven. It is a gift. If a person could earn it by being good then it wouldn't be free. But it is!" Romans 4:4 (LB)

You don't get to Heaven by keeping rules.

You don't get to Heaven by keeping rituals.

You don't get to Heaven by keeping regulations.

You don't get to Heaven by keeping religion.

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YOU GET TO HEAVEN BY A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

"The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ." Romans 6:23b (LB)

I would say to you that you are not ready to live until you are ready to die.

WHY SOME OF US CAME TO CHURCH THIS EASTER.

1. Some of us came out of habit.
2. Some of us came out of tradition.
3. Some of you came because a friend invited you.
4. Some of you came because you saw an advertisement.

God says: I want you to make the rest of your life, the best of your life.

Pray This Prayer:

Dear God, I believe Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be, Your Son, and that He proved it by rising from death. Jesus Christ, thank you for dying for me on the cross. I want to get to know you personally and experience the freedom You offer. As much as I know how, I ask You to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. I accept Your free gift of salvation. Amen."

WHAT TO DO AFTER TRUSTING JESUS

- Share your decision with someone else.
- Find a church family that will support you.