

What Christians Have

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Words to Find:
 Bible
 Blessings
 Direction
 Fellowship
 God
 Grace
 Guidance
 Heaven
 Hope
 Inheritance
 Love
 Promises
 Protection
 Salvation
 Truth
 Wisdom

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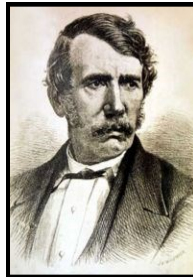
Livingstone's Living

The Australian Baptist

Henry Stanley found missionary Dr. Livingstone in Africa and lived with him for some time. Here is Mr. Stanley's testimony, "I went to Africa as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London could be. But, there came for me a long time for reflection. I saw this solitary old man there and asked myself, 'How on earth does he minister here — is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him?'"

For months after we met, I

found myself wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible: "... deny himself ... and follow me." Little by little his sympathy for others became contagious; my sympathy was aroused; seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went about his business. I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it."



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What We Do Have

Bill Brinkworth

A born-again child of God is on the winning side. They should all be so happy about who they have become because of God's wonderful grace and gift of salvation. However, anyone that has been in church for a period of time can quickly see, we lose many to the world's side. They get attracted by what the world has to offer, and soon no longer live the way God would have them live. Soon it is hard to see any difference between how they live and how the ungodly live.



It is past time for all to examine the fact that living for God offers far more than the short-lived baubles the Godless world offers. Although the Bible is peppered with many, many blessings one receives when living a separated, Spirit-led life, here is some of what Proverbs 10-11 says a person following the Lord's commands has:

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No Regrets

Author Unknown

One evening in Mansfield, Ohio, William McKinley, then governor of that state, delivered an address to a gathering of young men. Finishing his speech, he turned and sat down. Then suddenly, as though he had forgotten something, he sprang to his feet and came forward. In a voice that shook with emotion, he said, "Young men, there are many things in my life for which I must apologize. I have done many things that I wish were undone; but, young men, there is one thing for which I need never apologize, one thing I shall never regret: I am a Christian!"

"According to You"

Author Unknown

*We are living a Gospel
 A chapter each day,
 By deed that we do,
 By word that we say.
 Men read what we live,
 Whether faithless or true,
 Say! What is the Gospel
 According to you?"*

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What We Do Have

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We have hope! No matter what happens in our lives, we have God's promise He will never leave us nor forsake us (*Hebrews 13:5*). We can be assured, if we are in His will and doing His will, His way will always be for our best!

"The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish." Proverbs 10:28

We have strength! When it seems impossible to trudge on, He will give you strength!

"The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity." Pro. 10:29

We will eventually be victorious, no matter how bad the situation looks!

"The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth." Pro. 10:30

We have Godly wisdom! No matter how unpopular and unpracticed by many, a Christian believing and following biblical teaching is far wiser than one living a life led by his own will and way.

"The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the forward tongue shall be cut out." Pro. 10:31

We know what is right! The world hopelessly spends their life looking for the truth. A Bible believer has it.

"The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness." Pro. 10:32

We have direction! Godly living will keep you from going down the wrong road!

"The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness." Pro. 11:5

We have deliverance! All go through valleys and trials in this life; but God promises if we rely on Him, He will deliver us.

"The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness." Pro. 11:6 & 8

We are blessed! The world desperately tries to succeed. They save, steal, cheat and use other methods to acquire what they think has value, but still come up empty-handed and are still unfulfilled. One living and led by faith will be blessed by God so much that even others will benefit by God's blessing on his life.

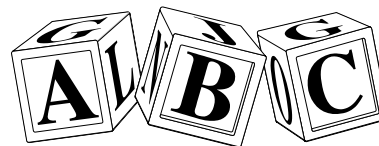
"By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked." Pro. 11:11

So are you a Christian? Then do not peek at and covet what the ungodly have. If you read the second part of the above verses, you will see those that do not live God's way surely will suffer loss. A child of God has so much. We truly should be grateful and thankful!

The Christian Alphabet

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Adopted
Born Again
Chosen
Dead to the world
Elected
Forgiven
Glorified
Holy
Immortal
Justified
Kings
Loving
Merciful
New Creatures
Obedient
Patient
Quickened
Redeemed
Saved
Transformed
Unspotted
Vigilant
Workman
Yielded
Zealous



"A Christian is the keyhole through which other folk see God."

-Gibson



Dependence and Union

Author Unknown

Two friends were walking together and occasionally bumped against one another. "Take my arm, keep step, and when we are jarred by the road's bumps we will not lose our footing," said one of them. They did so, and found not only harmony, but a united support.

Am I walking with God? Do I link my arm with my brother? Are churches, among themselves and as one army of the Lord, keeping step to the music, interlocked in living, loving sympathies under the one Captain of Salvation?

"The Scriptures give four names to Christians: saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; disciples for their knowledge."

— George Muller

"A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks; a heart through which Christ loves; a voice through which Christ speaks; a hand through which Christ helps." — George Muller