

Three Reasons For Being A Christian

Introduction. A "reason" is a cause, explanation, or justification for an action or event. Everything good in life has a reason behind it. No thoughtful, rational person does anything without a reason. The gospel is rational so Christians should be prepared with reasons (1 Peter 3:15). To demonstrate this, Paul reasoned with people about obedience to the gospel (Acts 17:2; 18:4, 19; 24:25). There are good reasons why you need to be a Christian, and we will examine three of them in our lesson today.

I. Because Of One's Past

- A. Ecclesiastes 7:29.
- B. Romans 3:23.
- C. Ephesians 2:12.
- D. Romans 6:23.
- E. Colossians 1:13.

II. Because Of One's Present

- A. James 4:13-14.
- B. Ephesians 2:19.
- C. Romans 8:28.
- D. Philippians 4:6-7.
- E. 2 Corinthians 5:10.

III. Because Of One's Future

- A. Mark 8:36-37.
- B. Revelation 20:12.
- C. Matthew 25:31-46.
- D. 1 Peter 4:17-18.
- E. Revelation 21:1-3.

Conclusion. When Paul pressed Agrippa with the evidence that Christ was the Son of God, Agrippa responded, "almost thou persuades me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28). Paul spoke of the terror of the Lord as a reason why we persuade men (2 Corinthians 5:11). Have you been persuaded to be a Christian today? Are you ready to be a faithful Christian? There are great causes or grounds for you to be one. Our purpose today is to impress you with your need to obey. Repent, confess Jesus as God, and be baptized. You will then be in Christ, and will have a glorious future ahead of if you can be steadfast.