

# What I Do Not Have As A Christian

**Introduction.** One tendency we have is to dwell on what we cannot do because we are Christians. Young people think, "I cannot have any fun if I am a devout Christian." Older people make excuses to their friends, coworkers, family members — they regretfully say, "I wish I could, but my church does not allow that." Still others learn to be sneaky. They feel like their brethren are stealing all their fun and would not understand, so they begin leading a double life — one in front of "church people" and another the rest of the time.

But the truth is that a faithful, taking-it-seriously Christian is the happiest person on the planet. I have yet to know someone like this that was not happy, content, at peace, and joyful about life. On the contrary, the bitter Christians I have known are still carrying some baggage of the world with them. If you are that way, let me suggest some reasons why you should change your mind and accept the satisfaction of being godly.

## ***I. I Do Not Have A List Of Regrets***

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- B. Romans 8:9-13.
- C. Galatians 5:24.
- D. Philippians 3:12-14.

## ***II. I Do Not Have A Lie To Remember***

- A. Proverbs 12:22
- B. Ephesians 4:25.
- C. Colossians 3:9.
- D. Revelation 22:15.

## ***III. I Do Not Have A Blacklist Of People***

- A. Matthew 18:21-35.
- B. Romans 12:19-21.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 5:15.
- D. Matthew 7:12.

## ***IV. I Do Not Have A Fear Of Judgment***

- A. Ephesians 3:10-12.
- B. Hebrews 4:16.
- C. 1 John 4:18.
- D. 1 Corinthians 15:55-58.

**Conclusion.** Somehow, I do not think I will miss what I have lost by being a Christian. I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. I am free from

the bondage of sin. I am enjoying every day that I do not carry the weight of sin's consequences. Does this kind of liberation sound good to you? Respond to Christ's invitation today and leave behind what so many in the world deal with every day.