

What Jesus Can Do For You

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Tonight I'm going to talk about a few of the things that Jesus can do for you. We live in a world that (possibly even in our own subconscious) wants to know "what's in it for me?"

In advertising or business if you do not address that fact almost immediately, you lose your customer. Deep down they want to know what's in it for me?

It's no different from us when we're witnessing or preaching the gospel – they want to know what's in it for them. People have a pre-conceived idea that there's a lot to lose – they have to give up their old lifestyle and they imagine that as things to lose.

We should be out there preaching what is in it for them – some of the things that Jesus can do for them.

Acts 4 v 9

If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

We sang a chorus just before the talk began – Lift Jesus Higher. Elevate him up. Elevate him in our own lives and elevate him in the lives around about us. No other name under heaven is given to mankind whereby we must be saved.

If you have a look at the name Jesus and Christ the name Jesus means saviour. When the angel came and saw Mary and Joseph and said this is what you will name this child – you will name him Jesus which means Saviour because he will be the saviour of all his people – he will save his people from their sins.

The very name Jesus means Saviour.

The word Christ means Christos – the anointed. He was the anointed saviour. The word also means anointer. Jesus is the anointer and we know – we have experienced the full anointing of God by being anointed with the Holy Ghost and Fire.

Jesus died. He rose from the dead. He sits on the right hand of the Father sending back – anointing people with the Holy Ghost and Fire. Come to the anointer. Jesus has blessed us.

The very word saviour – he's come to save his people from their sins. Think about that – one of the great benefits of coming to the Lord is being saved from sin and yet people really don't comprehend that.

What it is saying is that we've been saved from death. The wages of sin is death and Jesus has saved us from sin. He has saved us from death. He has given us eternal life. There are some pretty big rewards there that Jesus has provided for you and I.

Ephesians 1 v 7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

What a benefit. What a great thing to have.

What's in it for me?

Forgiveness of sins... Again emphasizing all that that beholds. Jesus said be comforted – I have overcome the world. Included in all that is the greatest enemy of all time will be defeated – death. Satan's greatest weapon – the nuclear bomb of the enemy will be defeated. Jesus Christ has done that and he's given that to you and I – forgiveness of sins.

John 3 v 36

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Pretty sobering scripture but what a wonderful benefit when we come to Jesus Christ. If you believe on Jesus Christ then you will have everlasting life. Go home and try to contemplate that. Go home and try to think how far everlasting is.

You won't!

Everlasting life – hard to comprehend... But that is the promise that we have through Jesus Christ.

John 10 v 10

If you get into the scriptures and you see what's in it for me – there is a lot.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Through Jesus Christ we're promised a more abundant life.

A fantastic life!

If you think about what has Jesus Christ done for us already - think on your testimony. I was just dwelling on mine today. He's filled us with the Holy Ghost and Fire – we speak in tongues – think about it for a minute.

We have supernatural gifts.

We're used to these things – we get a bit blasé after a while but look what we've come to. We can actually speak in other languages. We've been given a direct line to God. We can speak to God in the Spirit. We've been given a prayer language to God – it's amazing and yet we sometimes walk around – it's all ho hum – we get used to it.

We've given all this to worship the Lord and we come before the Lord in our prayers. That's worshipping the Lord and praising the Lord but sometimes our heart's not in it. When that was first introduced into a church 60 or 70 years ago it would have made the hair on people's necks stand on end.

Praising the Lord.

Worshipping God. Praise him for what he has done in our life. He has given us a more abundant life. Our old ways are all gone. In my case – smoking, drinking, gambling, all that sort of stuff – delivered by Jesus Christ.

He's given me a more abundant life.

It's the same for everybody. He's no respecter of persons. This is what Jesus does. He gives you a more abundant life. It's a fantastic life if we keep our eyes on Jesus – if we lift Jesus higher, if we have Jesus dwelling inside of us and we're dwelling inside of him.

Matthew 3 v 11

When John the Baptist was baptising people he said that Jesus would come and baptise them with the Holy Ghost and Fire. We've experienced that.

Isn't this mind-boggling?

Pinch yourself for a minute. It's just amazing what we've come to. We read the scriptures and these events that took place to the early disciples and apostles – we're able to share in them. It's amazing.

We're not living a normal life. We're involved in something that's just fantastic through Jesus Christ. Along with the Holy Ghost, tying in with the more abundant life, we can develop the fruits of the Spirit.

We can enjoy the gifts of the Spirit. In the Greek, the gifts of the Spirit come from the word Charisma – that's where they get the charismatic movement from. If you haven't got a personality before you come to the Lord, relax – he'll give you one.

He'll give you a bit of charisma. That's what it is – personality – gifts. When Jesus came the angels heralded good gifts would come unto man. Good gifts come from heaven. Jesus has come to give us good gifts.

What a fabulous thing we've come to. Think about what your life would have been without Jesus Christ. We would have none of these wonderful marvellous gifts, fruits and abilities that he has laid upon us.

This wonderful abundant life that we have come to. In Acts it talks about being filled with the Holy Ghost and power – dynamos – power. Sometimes we don't comprehend exactly what we've laid hold of.

Jesus Christ has given us that. What's in it for me? A fair bit so far – abundant life, power, and personality. Think about the things you do in the Lord. I was so shy I can't believe I'm up here talking. I'm used to it now.

You forget what you once were like. Give it a test – talking in front of people – yet we do it. Have a look at the lifestyle of our children. They excel at school because they are used to doing stuff in front of people. They do their plays, etc and they excel at school. They're not as backward and shy as others.

Sure there are individuals but this is what happens through the church and through Jesus Christ. It gives you a bit of charisma – personality.

Not only are we saved from our sins and promised eternal life. We haven't got a bad one right here and now either.

Matthew 11 v 28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light

He'll take our burdens away. What's in it for me? He'll take my burdens away. Incredible. He will give us rest to our very souls.

2 Timothy 1 v 7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind

Jesus Christ has come to do that. He's given us the Holy Spirit. Along with that comes power, love and sound mind. We need to demonstrate some spiritual common sense. He's given us a sound mind. When we were out in the world before we had all these concepts and all these ideas.

We weren't of a sound mind. When Jesus Christ comes in to our life, revelation after revelation. We become switched on. Of love – I didn't believe how hard I was when I first come to the Lord. Being a gambler and all that sort of stuff I heard a story not long after I come to the Lord – some guy had a heart attack in the TAB.

He was being attended to but people were basically walking over him to get a bet on. I thought what's wrong with that? Got to get on for the next race – he was being looked after. That's how hard I was.

I remember at a prayer and fast. We were here praying away and I was thinking of this person and thinking of that person and praying for this person and it just hit me – I'd been in the Lord for ages – I really genuinely cared for these people.

Where did this love come from?

It was an outside force that came into my life. Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost and power, the Holy Ghost and love, the agape love, the love of God. It was supernatural because it was not there before. The lord does that – he takes us and he changes us and he takes our stony heart away and puts a heart of flesh there.

He changes us. It's incredible what's happened to us. We have to be careful not to turn into zombies and forget what we've come to – which we can do. We let the things of life and daily events and those entire things crowd out the magnificence of coming to Jesus Christ.

John 1 v 12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name

When I got this talk together today, I didn't realise how often the word power kept coming up until just now. We've come to a very powerful thing. When we come to the Lord, when we believe on Jesus Christ – think about this – sons of God.

Really – the closest people can comprehend that is watching Hercules on TV – the half son of a God. We have become the sons of God. Sometimes it's shameful what we can get used to and neglect in our lives.

We know from the scriptures that we have been adopted into the family of God. If we're in God's family – look out. No wonder it says if he be for us, who can be against us?

We're God's family. Blood's thicker than water. If we're in God's family we're in good hands. Think about the privileges that we have. We come to the Lord and we're granted the privilege of being able to call him our friend.

What a friend we have in Jesus.

What an amazing thing that we could say that we are a friend of someone so powerful – so high – someone in the heavenlies. Think about the situation we're in. In Ephesians it says we sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Jesus has grabbed us and he has taken us to great heights – he's taken us to great places.

It's a wonderful life in the Lord. People come along to the Lord and we pray with them out the back and we see them filled with the Holy Ghost and Fire – it's just wonderful.

I always give them the same advice. Go away and enjoy your walk. You're speaking in tongues now. Go home and enjoy it. Go home and pray. Go home and really bask in it – enjoy it.

You're going to have revelation after revelation through the scriptures – open it up and read it. Enjoy it. Swim in the word of God. Lap it up. We have to be careful that we don't stop enjoying it – we don't stop enjoying what the Lord has prepared for us.

It is marvellous.

It is wonderful and nothing can compare. Think about it – the blood of Jesus Christ has bought us to this position - his pain, his suffering, his torment, all those things that he went through. Being nailed to the cross, being whipped, being mocked and spat on and laughed at.

He went through all that so we could enjoy this privileged position. It's just mind boggling. It's beyond comprehension. I hope tonight we get a little bit of a taste of just what we have been able to access.

When you think about it, we came out of the world. It doesn't matter what we were like in the world – we were sinners. It says our righteousness was as filthy rags. We could have been involved in any sort of lifestyle whatsoever and the Lord came and he changed that.

He's no respecter of persons.

He's forgiven our sins. He's given us the opportunity to start afresh. The scriptures call it being born again – being born from above. Sometimes it's hard to appreciate that.

I remember door knocking years ago with this lady. A little lady opened the door and we told her how she could have a fresh start – how she could be born again. She started howling. She bawled her eyes out. Her life had been so terrible. She had done terrible things obviously and it was such a wonderful thing to know that you can have a fresh start.

That Jesus Christ will forgive you.

You think about it – sometimes we feel ashamed and sometimes we might do something – but if your best friend can forgive you, or if you can forgive someone else, how much more can God?

How much more can Jesus Christ who's much better than us. This forgiveness, his blood bought it. We have a new life, an abundant life. We're new creatures in Christ.

We see things differently than we did in the past. We've got a glimpse and a taste of the heavenly things to come. He's taken us out and he's forgiven our sins. He's given us an abundant life now, the promise of eternal life.

John 14 v 3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

He's gone to prepare a place for us. We've got a place prepared. We sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He went to prepare a place for us. We know the scriptures – the Lord's coming back. The Lord's returning.

We know of a great and wonderful plan of God. Some of the things might seem hazy but it says "know you not that ye shall judge angels". We're going to be involved in the resurrections – helping and reigning and ruling with God.

This is fantastic stuff.

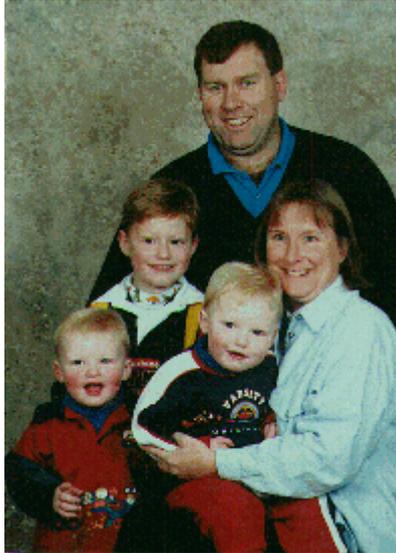
Not only has he done all of this for us in the past, not only do we have a more abundant life now, but we've got the assurance of a wonderful future. We've got the certainty of the future ahead. Jesus Christ – if he's gone to all that effort to prepare for us what we've got now, how much more can we relax, how much more can we enjoy and how much more can we have faith in the fact that he's gone to prepare even more for us now.

There's a lot to come through Jesus Christ. We need to lift him up higher in our life and we need to demonstrate to the public, to the people out there, the benefits of being in the Lord.

We need to demonstrate what's in it for me – what's in it for them. They need to see it. It will happen if we lift Jesus higher in our own lives first. When he's number one in our lives. When our life revolves around Jesus Christ, the rest will happen automatically. No wonder we sing that chorus he paid a debt he did not owe, we owed a debt we could not pay. His blood paid for it.

Amen

Our Lord Jesus Christ Is The Same Yesterday, Today & Forever And In These Modern Times Miracles Still Happen...



A special thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his powerful healing hand which enabled us to have children and to my church [The Revival Fellowship](#) for all their prayers and support...

Let me explain...

My name is Allan Wilson and in December 1986 I became a born again Christian, I was [baptized](#) by full immersion and received God's [Holy Spirit](#) with the Bible evidence of [speaking in tongues](#)...

I once was a compulsive gambler, however through the power of Jesus Christ my life changed dramatically, with gambling, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol and swearing all ceasing within the first few weeks of my conversion...

In 1990 my wife Michele was also born again.

After 10 years of marriage we seemed never likely to be able to have children, however through the loving prayers of our brothers and sisters in the Lord we were blessed with our first born son Samuel in 1995...

It was then the doctor discovered she had very advanced endometrioses (a condition which can cause infertility and miscarriages), despite this medical condition the Lord was doubly gracious, with Michele giving birth to twins Benjamin and Nathan in 1998... To learn more about our fellowship click [here](#)

