

WE HAVE FOUND THE SECRET OF

LIFE



There are many things we still do not understand. There are many problems that baffle us. But underneath it all is that inward relaxation and peace that will lead to confident living. I have found that there are many advantages to the Christian ideals that challenge any other philosophical concepts. Materialism, Communism, and all other philosophical interpretations do not hold a candle to what Christ offers.

Dr. Thiessen in his work on "Christian Ethics" has listed several advantages which we will give here:

First, there is sonship. The moment you accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour you were adopted into the family of God. You are now His child. (See John 1:12)

Second, you are an heir. The Bible teaches that when you were born again, your new position in Christ has made you a joint-heir with Christ. You are now heir to all things.

Third, there is peace. Peace can be experienced only when you have received divine pardon – when you have been reconciled to God and when you have harmony within, with your fellow man and especially with God.

The fourth great benefit that is derived from a knowledge of Christ is spiritual life. To be born anew in Christ means to be born to new ideals, new aspirations, new hopes, and new abilities to achieve

these fresh goals. Christ as Lord and Master has given you a new life. You have been born again. (See John 3:3)

Fifth, there is the joy of Christian fellowship that comes from being a Christian. You have found Christ to be the one Friend who understands your every thought. When Christ takes the rightful place in your heart, all sense of separation from God disappears. This fellowship is a joy unspeakable and full of glory. No man made philosophy can bestow this glorious benefit.

Sixth, there comes a new strength in following Christ. There is no human that can provide such strength. This mighty strength stands ready to be available at your beck and call at all times. God said, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness." *Isaiah 41:10*

Seventh, there are physical benefits that accrue from Christian living. Sin and the sense of inner unworthiness impair physical and mental well-being. The sense of guilt and sin that natural man carries within himself renders him unfit for the performance of his duties, renders him sick in both mind and body.

There are certain other special privileges that only the true Christian can enjoy. There is, for example,

the privilege of having divine wisdom and guidance continually. The Bible says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not and it shall be given him." *James 1:5*

Also the Christian has a sense of true optimism, the assurance that according to divine revelation everything will turn out well in the end.

In summing up the superiority of the Christian life over all other ways of living we cannot overlook the advantage that the Christian will have for all eternity. Jesus said concerning believers: "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." *John 10:28-29*

I know where I've come from, I know why I'm here, I know where I'm going – and I have peace in my heart. His peace floods my heart and overwhelms my soul!

- *Billy Graham*

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