

## **“I WANT TO BE A SOUL WINNER FOR JESUS EVERY DAY!”**

(We sing that, you know.) There is no better life than to be just simply a Christian. The wealth and pleasure of this world are not worthy to be compared with the joy and satisfaction and hope available to a Christian. It is an inestimable honor to be privileged to wear the name of Christ. His name is so high and great and honorable that even to suffer in it is a great joy. (1 Pet. 4:14-16) Truly, as has been said, a Christian's adversity is more blessed than a sinner's prosperity.

It is not to be denied that there may be pleasure in sin (Heb. 11:25), but such, at best, endures but for a season. Such transient joys do not provide genuine lasting happiness during such a brief day even when engaged to the fullest. In every individual there is an emptiness, a void that this world and all of its wisdom and pleasure cannot possibly fill.

**The person who will have happiness and joy in this present world and the bliss of heaven in the world to come must be a Christian. They must be in Christ. (Eph. 1:3) To be in Christ is to be in His body, the church. (Eph. 1:22-23)**

The Bible is the source of information which reveals the how of becoming a Christian. Christianity's key is the complete surrender of those who would become a Christian to Christ. The heart must esteem Him as Lord indeed. Any persons who are not willing to deny themselves and put the Lord first are only playing at the religion of Christ. Those who are willing to submit themselves to Christ will not object to any of His commands, but rather will humbly and diligently obey them in complete loving trust.

It was Jesus Christ who said, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;.. (Mark 16:16).* It was Jesus who authorized Peter to say, *“...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38).* The Apostle Paul showed how one gets into Christ. *“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27).* A Christian is one who has been forgiven of sin by the authority (name) of Christ. He shows his surrender by his obedience to the Lord. He is now to walk in newness of Life. His old man of sin has been put away (Rom. 6:3-6).

**In this life there is the joy of hope for the life to come. Beyond death, there is a wonderful life, that awaits the faithful child of God. The assurance found in the word of God makes all earthly trials and hardships and carnal pleasures seem so fleeting and trivial. When one has a proper understanding of life and death, there can be found genuine joy in this life and an unshakeable confidence in death and the hereafter.**

**We can all be just simply Christians! Will we? CAB**