

“ALMOST THOU PERSUADEST ME TO BE A CHRISTIAN”

Text: (Acts 26:27-28) “King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”

Introduction: These are sad words - “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” Agrippa turned down the opportunity to become a Christian, and he turned away from the greatest blessings that a person can ever obtain. Have any of you in this assembly ever been “almost persuaded” to be a Christian? If so, you still have the opportunity to become one today. Let me share with you some of the great blessings you can obtain, and I hope that when we have concluded our study, you will not be “almost persuaded,” but completely persuaded!

I. Blessings Received In This Present Life:

A. The Blessings In Christ: (Gal. 3:26-27)

1. All Spiritual Blessings (Eph. 1:3)
2. Salvation In Christ (Acts 4:11-12)
3. No Condemnation (Rom. 8:1)
4. Redeemed / Forgiven (Eph. 1:7)

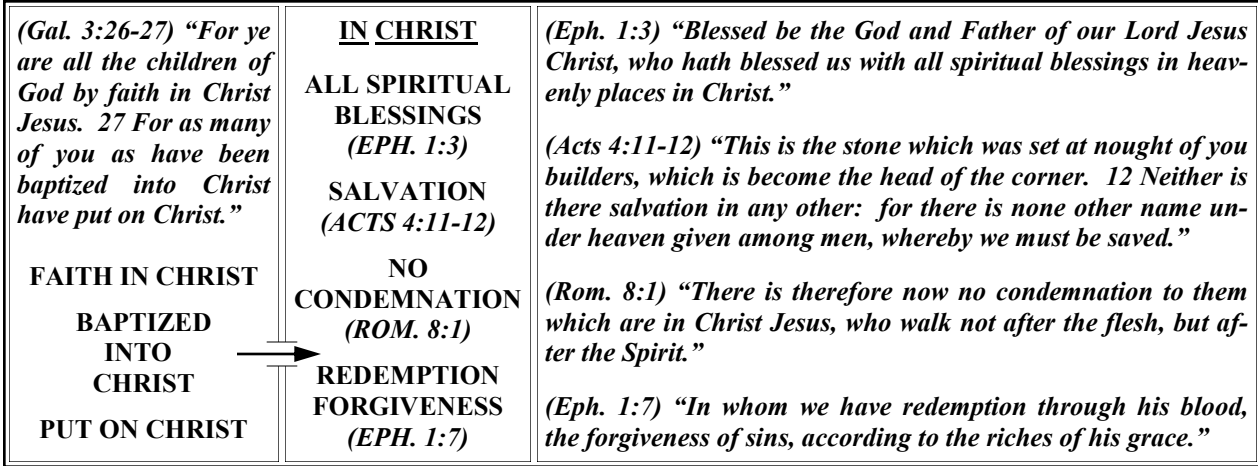
B. The Blessings Of A Christian Home:

1. Husband And Wife (Eph. 5:22-23)
2. Happiness Or Misery (Prov. 21:19)
3. Training Of Children (Prov. 22:6) (Prov. 23:13-14) (Eph. 6:1-3, 4)

C. The Blessings Of The Lord’s Church:

1. Bearing Of Burdens (Gal. 6:2)
2. In The Assemblies (Heb. 10:24-25)
3. Help When Needed (Acts 2:41-47)

THE BLESSINGS THAT ARE FOUND ONLY IN CHRIST



II. Blessings A Christian Receives At Death:

- A. Blessing / Rest At Death (Rev. 14:13)
- B. Comfort Or Torment (Luke 16:19-26)

III. Blessings Received At Coming Of Christ:

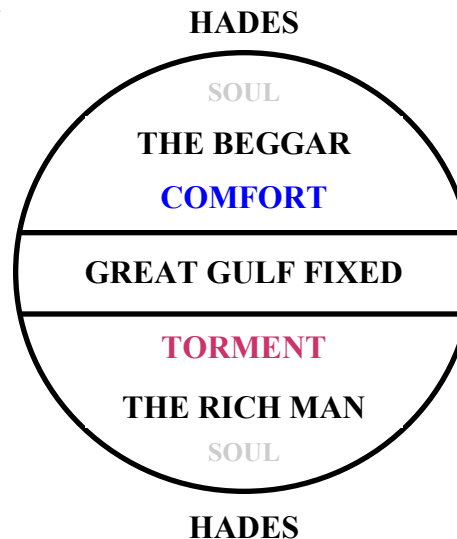
- A. The Blessing Of Glorious Resurrection:
 1. Life Or Damnation (John 5:28-29)
 2. Dead In Christ (I Thess. 4:16-18)
- B. The Blessing Of Eternal Inheritance:
 1. Earthly Possessions (I Tim. 6:6-10)
 2. Heirs Of A Fortune (Rom. 8:14-18)
 3. Reserved In Heaven (I Pet. 1:3-4)
- C. The Blessing Of Everlasting Life: (Matt. 25:31-34, 46)

ORDER OF THE SCRIPTURES

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(Luke 16:19-26) “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.”



CONCLUSION AND INVITATION

Conclusion: Friends, we have only scratched the surface in speaking of the many wonderful blessings that you can obtain if you will become a Christian. There are so many others!

Invitation: Please don’t turn away from Christ, and leave this place like King Agrippa, who said to Paul, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.” I hope that, unlike King Agrippa, you’ll be completely persuaded that you need to be a Christian, and that you will become one at this invitation. Come receive the blessings of being a Christian. I urge you to come to the Lord Jesus Christ, while we all stand and sing!