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Why I Am (Became) A Christian

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I Pet. 3:15-18

INT: Text requires two things of Christians. Vs. 15.

1. Know WHY you are a Christian. *Japan - Fleet*
2. Crystalize reasons so can tell others. *The Redeemer*

Becoming a Chr. only 1st part of obed. to Christ.
Dual importance noted in Matt. 28:18-20.

HAPPY for opportunity to tell you why I am Chr.

I. ONE REASON: Felt could not afford to be otherwise.

A. WANTED BETTER DAYS THAN DAYS WITHOUT HOPE.

1. Remembered sleepless and anxious nights remembered be LOST if died in sleep.
2. Life a series of grave questions and wrong answers. Job 14:14? Not you! John 11:25-26.
3. Life without hope was empty, void, futile. Ephesians 2:11-13.* OBEYED and know good days

B. WANTED BETTER LIFE THAN LIFE WITHOUT A LEADER.

1. Remembered doubts, indecisions, fears and anxieties. Life one big dark nightmare!
2. Without a leader life was pointless, meaningless and directionless. Read: John 14:6. Obeyed and life is stable course ahead.

"The Lord". "My Lord". Savior

C. WANTED BETTER GOAL THAN WORLDLY GOALS HAD.

1. Remember when thought little about future, JOB, mate, SPIRITUAL LIFE, after death.
2. Did not bother me that souls dying all arou
3. When surrendered to Christ gave up POOREST standard of living for GREATEST way of life John 10:10. Ecc. 12:13-14. Jas. 1:27. Mk.16
4. Ill. The price paid for life. Mother froze to save child. Knt. 593. GOD sent His son that we might live. John 3:16. Rom. 5:8.

D. WANTED BETTER FELLOWSHIP THAN WORLD HAD OFFER.

1. Remember days before I enjoyed full LOVE of God and full FELLOWSHIP of God's children.
2. Life was dull, boring, gray and empty without joys of divine LOVE and saintly fellowship of best people on earth!
3. USED TO think that all Christians were saints in highest sense, Preachers were God-men and MOTHERS as God's special right hand helpers. Used to. STILL DO!!!!
4. USED TO think that being a Christian was living with best people on earth and the reaching highest goal in life. STILL DO!!!

INV: QUESTIONS TO NON-CHRISTIAN:

What HOPE do you have without Christ?

What LEADER following? Where lead?? Nowhere!

What GOALS seeking to fulfill? Better than our Lord's goals?

What FELLOWSHIP do you enjoy?? Can enjoy God's and that of all church. COME!!!

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