WHY I AM GLAD TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Psa 45:15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace.

1. Because only in Jesus Christ is true Salvation

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

a. Truth is the most valuable Commodity in the world: lies bring you into bondage, but truth sets free.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 8:33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Joh 8:35 And the servant abideth not in the house forever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

Joh 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us; we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Act 13:26 Men *and* brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

2. The Christian's Life is a journey of righteousness, peace and joy.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

<u>Righteousness:</u> A pardon of sin, and holiness of heart and life. <u>Peace</u>: In the soul, from a since of God's mercy; peace regulating, ruling, and harmonizing the heart.

And Joy in the Holy Ghost: Solid spiritual happiness; a joy which springs from the wells of salvation and a clear sense of God's mercy; and the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

a. <u>Joy to be Full</u>: John 15:11 "That your Joy might be full"; **psalms** 23:5 My cup runneth over"; **Isaiah 12:3** "Joy from the wells of salvation;" 1 **Peter 1:8** "ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:"; **Neh 8:10** "... for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

b. A live of strength in the Lord:

Psa 84:6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

Psa 84:7 They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

c. When we are week then are we strong:

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

d. He is a God of the Hills and a God of the Valley:

1Ki 20:23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely, we shall be stronger than they.

1Ki 20:28 And there came a man of God, and spoke unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

3. Because my Life is under the Control of the Spirit of God:

a. <u>I have been delivered from the carnality of my flesh and now I can live a victorious life, by waling in the power of the Spirit.</u>

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are **led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Are Led: As I submit to His influence and control in my life. The Spirit is representing as influencing, suggesting and controlling. The Spirit will lead me into His Word which is Power to my Spiritual Life.

4. <u>Because there is a power of Inspiration that comes when you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost</u>.

a. It hooks you into the supernatural power of Faith, that crashes through the limitations of the impossible and gives you a divine inspiration that God is all powerful and can do anything.

Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. **Zec 4:7** Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone *thereof with* shoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

Luk 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.