

WITHOUT CHRIST

Scripture: Ephesians 2:12; 4:17-19

Introduction

People live without Christ for their own various reasons. But regardless of the reason, those who live without Christ are nevertheless in a state of spiritual estrangement.

Spiritual estrangement is a chain which ends with the soul destitute and insensitive to the wooing of the Holy Spirit. It is a tragedy to be without Christ.

I. Without Christ

A. Without Calvary

1. Without peace

There is no peace in the world. All is turmoil and strife. Men are fearful of things to come. Sin and war shall not end till the Prince of peace shall come back to this world once again.

a. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

b. Peace is a legacy from Christ
c. To not know Christ is to not know peace

And the way of peace have they not known.

Romans 3:17

2. Without healing--spiritually, physically mentally

a. Only...with His stripes we are healed
Isaiah 53:5

b. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

c. Maniac of Gadara (Mark 5)

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I. Without Christ

B. Without salvation

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

Acts 4:12

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation....

Romans 1:16

To be without Christ, and Calvary, and resultant salvation is to be...without

II. Without God

A. Without hope

1. In this world

a. Judas Iscariot

1. Betrayed Christ

2. Realized he was without God

3. Had no hope

a. of repentance

b. Of further fellowship with God

4. Took his own life

b. Job, separated from God's presence

said,...My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

Job 7:6

2. In world to come

a. Will know God only as a judge

READ account b. The rich man (Dives) (Luke 16) vv 19-31

THRU V. 22

1. Of escape...A great gulf fixed

2. Of relief

3. Of saving others

II. Without God

B. Without feeling--anesthetized

1. Without conscience

Ex.

Donny McCarty

Ronnie Cole

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having
their conscience seared with a hot iron.

I Timothy 4:2

2. Without perception

For the heart of this people is
waxed gross, and their ears are dull
of hearing, and their eyes have they
closed; lest they should see with
their eyes, and hear with their ears,
and understand with their heart, and
should be converted, and I should heal
them.

Acts 28:27

3. Past return

III. Without excuse

They would not be guilty unless I had
come and spoken to them. But now they have no
excuse for their sin.

(Living Letters) John 15:22

A. No excuse for living without Christ

B. Judged according to "What did you do with Jesus?"

1. To know him as Saviour removes necessity for excuses

2. To be without Him is to be without excuse

Conclusion

To refuse Christ is to say, "I am sufficient
in myself and have no need for religion, God or
His sacrifice". This brings alienation from God
and will make you stand before Him in judgement
WITHOUT EXCUSE.