

## **WHY LOVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?**

### **I PETER 3:10-12**

- I. BECAUSE OF FORGIVENESS.**
  - A. I PETER 1:8; I PETER 1:22**
  - B. SEE THE NEW BIRTH, I PETER 1:3; 1:23; 3:21**
  - C. ESPECIALLY SEE THE USE OF THE WORD “LIFE” I PETER 3:10; 3:7. THIS IS THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, I.E., FORGIVENESS, SEE EPHESIANS 2:5.**
  - D. SEE ALSO THE PHRASE “HEIRS TOGETHER,” INDICATING THAT IN BEING FORGIVEN, WE BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD, GAL.3:26-29.**
  
- II. BECAUSE OF THE PROVISIONS THAT MAKE FORGIVENESS POSSIBLE.**
  - A. THE GOD WHO CARES, I PETER 5:7; I PETER 1:3.**
  - B. THE CHRIST WHO DIED, I PETER 2:24; 3:18; 1:19.**
  - C. THE RESURRECTION, I PETER 1:3; 3:21-22**
  - D. THE GOSPEL, I PETER 1:23-25.**
  - E. THE SOUL, I PETER 3:4; 2:11,12 – WHICH ENABLES US TO LEARN, UNDERSTAND, ETC.**
  
- III. BECAUSE OF THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING FOR CHRIST.**
  - A. CHALLENGE OF THE TONGUE I PETER 3:10; JAMES 3**
  - B. CHALLENGE OF REPENTANCE. I PETER 3:10-11**
  - C. CHALLENGE OF DOING GOOD, GAL.6:9,10; TITUS 2:14.**
  - D. CHALLENGE OF SEEKING PEACE**
  - E. CHALLENGE OF SATAN, I PETER 5:8**
  - F. CHALLENGE OF SUFFERING, I PETER 4:19.**

**G. CHALLENGE OF BEING PREPARED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL, I PETER 3:15.**

**IV. BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES.**

**A. EYES OF THE LORD ARE OVER THE RIGHTEOUS, HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR PRAYERS. BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.**

**B. SEE I PETER 4:16-18.**

**C. WE NEED CONSEQUENCES; WE NEED CHALLENGES TO HELP US GROW IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE, 2 PETER 3:18; I PETER 2:1-2.**