

## CHRISTIANS GIVE UP & GAIN

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*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16.

This is one of the greatest verses in the Word of God. Those who have never believed it, think becoming a Christian is too much. No indeed! A Christian gives up something but look what we get. **(1). We Lose Rags And Get A Robe:** *"But we are all as unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses, are as filthy rags."* Isa. 64:6a. OR *"He hath clothed me with garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."* Isa. 61:10b. Now notice the difference. The sinner has rags, but the believer gets a beautiful robe instead. **(2). We Exchange Vileness For Virtue:** *"Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth."* Job 40:4. OR *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."* II Pet. 1:3. Compare the two verses. Without Christ men and women are vial, but with faith in Christ we receive His divine power and virtue. Check the two verses carefully and notice what you give up, and what you get. Don't miss the exchange that God offers. **(3). Leave Poverty For Riches:** *"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"* Rev. 3:17. OR *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."* II Cor. 8:9. Oh my friend, check out the

difference. From the poverty of sin to possessing all the riches of Christ. And the market will never go down on His funds. A sinner in spite of heaping up worldly goods is still a pauper. We who are saved have stored up treasures beyond compare, at the throne of God. Nothing can change the glorious rewards that Christ has purchased for us. Nothing on earth can compare. **(4). Lose Perplexity And Gain Peace:** *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."* Luke 21:25. OR *"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. Gods wrath upon the world in end times will shake the whole world. You that know not Christ will cry out with great terror and fear. Once you receive Christ, the gain is eternal life, and the promise we will escape by Rapture all end time horrors. Today, the whole world seems to be in a tragic reversal from the things of God. This is predicted in the Bible. To gain through the salvation of your soul is wisdom beyond words. Why choose death and judgment when accepting God's gift will bring peace to your heart? **(5). Exchange Sins Wages For Salvation:** *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Rom. 3:23 OR *"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."* I Pet. 1:9. It is so wonderful, the plan of God. Though all mankind are born sinners, and spend a lifetime in sin, there is a better way to escape sin's wages. The salvation of our soul is a gift, fully purchased and offered by Christ, who died for sinners. Once you acknowledge that you are a sinner, there is a fountain filled with blood for your cleansing. The blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse away all sin, and present us faultless before the throne of God. Rejoice dear believer, and hurry sinner, and exchange your sin for the gift of eternal salvation. Surely, you

can see the need of giving up your sin and receiving salvation. **(6). Drop Misery And Gain Joy:** *"Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him"* Ecc. 8:6. OR *" These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."* John 15:11. The life of a sinner is filled with misery. He tries everything he hopes will bring satisfaction and nothing does. Alcohol leads to tragedy, and smokes to cancer, and drugs to family and self destruction. Immorality in every form leads into the pig pen of mental and physical filth. The pleasures of sin never satisfy but there is a place of real joy. Accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour opens up the fountains of God. Such joys and blessings are beyond words to express. Why not exchange your dreary sinful life for the eternal blessings and joy beyond comprehension. **(7). Judgment or Justification:** *" But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasureth up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."* Rom. 2:5. OR *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Rom. 5:1. The Bible warns repeatedly that those who sin will die, and pay a horrible price for their transgressions. Judgment for sin will result in confinement in Hell. If however, you receive Christ, it is "just as if you never sinned." The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. **(8). Choose Satan Or The Son Of God:** *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."* John 8:44a. OR *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."* John 1:12. Your first choice was made by Adam and Eve, and has continued as you live in sin. No one is righteous all by themselves, but can only add to a lifetime of slavery under the devil, the prince of evil. You can give up all the awful wages of sin, and turn to eternal life and

forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Having done that, we become sons of God, and are in His family forever, Praise God! **(9). Defeat Death And Gain Eternal Life:** *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Rom. 6:23. OR *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* John 3:16. The Bible is full of descriptions of the horrors of those who die still in their sins. Hell is a place of eternal fire and everlasting burning. In its depths, all those who have chosen to remain in their sin, will cry out with eternal suffering. It will be too late to change the mind and become believers. The decision to turn from sin to righteousness in Christ must be in this lifetime. By failing to believe you miss the bliss of eternal life. Once you have confessed your sin, repented of the evil you have done, you are ready to receive what Christ did for you. Your faith in Christ and his blood shed for you, brings eternal cleansing, and you have chosen Heaven. **(10). Avoid Hell And Gain Heaven:** *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."* Psa. 9:17. OR *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."* John 14:1-3. No wonder the great song writer wrote "Heaven is a Wonderful Place." So there you have it. Next time someone starts railing on you, about what you have to give up to live the Christian life, show them all that you get instead. It makes great sense to change from a life that condemns, to one that forgives and awards so abundantly those who will believe. If you are already saved, these thoughts should have brought great comfort and blessing. If you are a sinner, Believe and be saved. **Do it now!**