

<i>Notes</i>



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## The Most Rewarding Part of Being a Christian

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As you think about the great joys and benefits of being a child of God, what would you say is the most rewarding part of serving the Lord? One could talk about the joy of having all personal sins forgiven, or the blessings associated with the church and having brothers and sisters in Christ, or the wonderful privilege of worshipping the Almighty Creator. All of these are indeed grand rewards of being a Christian.

But there is something that we might consider to be more rewarding than anything else. You may not think of it as “the most rewarding,” but why not? For the Christian, there is nothing better than teaching someone the gospel! It truly is “the most rewarding part of being a Christian.” Here’s why:

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**Meeting Times**

Sunday  
 Bible Class 9:30am  
 Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class  
 meets on Tuesdays at  
 10am

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Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I am fulfilling my purpose as a Christian. My purpose is to give “glory” to God (Isa. 43:7), to make known “the manifold wisdom of God” (Eph. 3:10) and to “preach” Christ (Col. 1:27-29). Fulfilling my God-given purpose is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I am obeying the Lord. I have been commanded by my Lord to “preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15), to “teach” what He has commanded (Matt. 28:20) and to “commit” the truth to others (2 Tim. 2:2). Obeying my Lord is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to manifest my love for my Savior. Jesus said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” (John 14:23; cf. 14:15, 21; 1 John 5:3). He “loved me and gave Himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). Manifesting my love for Him, by giving myself to teaching about Him, is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to talk about the greatest event (John 3:16), that involved the greatest friend (John 15:13-14), who offers the greatest gift (Eph. 2:8) and promises the greatest hope (Tit. 1:2). The word “gospel” means “good news,” and that’s what I get to tell others. Talking about Jesus is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to beat the devil back with the Lord’s help. When I teach the gospel, I am imparting “the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16), which is a crushing blow to the devil and his efforts (cf. Gen. 3:15). Defeating the devil is highly rewarding.

Teaching someone the gospel is rewarding because I get to give a soul an opportunity to be saved. When I can help someone to obey the gospel, have every damning sin completely forgiven and enter into a holy relationship with God (Heb. 10:19-22), there is nothing better than that! Helping a lost soul to be saved is highly rewarding.

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Clay Bond
Song Leader		Tom Barr
<i>Song 685</i>	<i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Song 405</i>	<i>Love Divine</i>	
Prayer		Holton George
<i>Song 495</i>	<i>O the Depth and the Riches</i>	
Communion		Leonard Meredith Sam Tarbet
<i>Song 408</i>	<i>Low in the Grave He Lay</i>	
<i>Song 436</i>	<i>Nearer, Still Nearer</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
<i>Song 50</i>	<i>Are You Washed in the Blood?</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Clay Bond
<i>Song 884</i>	<i>Teach Me Lord to Wait</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Sam Phillips

### Upcoming Events

- Please check the sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening devotionals.
- There will be a Men’s Business Meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday Devotional

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>      Chris W.  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>      Ray P.

### ...Prayer List...

*Gaye Kyle, Melvin & Shirley Wright, Casey Jo Engle, Reta George, Nan Phillips, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder (cancer), Wendell Harrison, Sharon Petrosky, Tom Barr*

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 34 PM: 24 Wednesday:      Contribution: \$2751.01