

What Has Jesus Ever Done for You?

Theme – evangelism / thankfulness. Why are Christians thankful for having Jesus in their lives? What has Jesus ever done for them?

(This is based on the format of the famous Monty Python sketch, known as “What have the Romans ever done for us?” from their film “Life of Brian” – you can use a search engine to find the script of this, but be warned, their version is rude in places).

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” ~ 1 Peter 3: 15

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your loving kindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.”

~ Psalm 92: 1-2

Three people walk on to stage, in the middle of a conversation, carrying mugs, and sit on chairs in an informal semi-circle, made to look like a lounge or coffee shop.

Friend: No, I don't want to come to church with you on Sunday! What is it with you two and the invitations to church events? I am NOT interested. And I don't know why you are either. Religion causes more division and problems and false guilt and restrictions than anything else I can think of. Christianity is like a black hole that pulls fun into it never to be seen again. And what has your precious Jesus ever given you in return?

Christian1: Forgiveness for everything I've ever done wrong, the burden of guilt and shame and regret gone (*clicks fingers*) forever.

Christian2: Hope, that I can grow to be a better person, and that there is a good and interesting future for me.

Christian1: Christmas

Friend: Well yes obviously Christmas... Christmas goes without saying. But apart from forgiveness, hope, and Christmas...

Christian2: He's given me the Holy Spirit

Christian1: And written his laws on my heart

Friend: I have NO idea what you are talking about

Christian2: Before Jesus there was a long list of rules and regulations, but now as Christians we've got God's Holy Spirit in us and our hearts tell us what to do and not do, motivated by love, not fear of punishment.

Friend: Yeah, whatever. So, apart from forgiveness, hope, Christmas, and the Holy What-Not, what has Jesus ever given you?

Christian1: Healing. He did a brilliant job of restoring my knee to fully working order. The doctors said it was a lost cause.

Christian2: Yes, having prayers answered is amazing.

Friend: *(sighing)* All right, but apart from forgiveness, hope, Christmas, the Holy Do-Da, healing and prayer, what has Jesus ever done for you?

Christian1: Guaranteed my entrance into heaven

Christian2: Yes, let's face it, he's the only one who could get this motley crew into heaven!

Friend: All right, all right, apart from forgiveness, hope, Christmas, the Holy Thingy, healing, prayer, and entrance into heaven, what has Jesus ever done for you?

Christian1: Brought peace of mind

Friend: *(exasperated)* Oh shut up, or I'll give you a piece of my mind!