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YOUR CHRISTIAN BENEFITS

Often people think being a Christian is stepping down a notch or two and becoming a “holy roller” or a “goodie two shoes.” I would have to say that both of those statements are inaccurate. I have had more fun as a Christian than I ever did as a non-believer. I still joke, I still love a good cartoon that gives me a belly laugh. I still smile, and I can do whatever I want. Whatever? Yes. It is just that my wants are not what they were before I became a Christian. My want to is to please God. I have a plaque on my wall in the kitchen that says, “If it pleases you to please God, you can do as you please.” That is the point. My choice is to please God.

Are there benefits to being a Christian? Oh yes. Let’s take a look at Psalm 103. Verse 3 says, **“who forgiveth all thine iniquities”** Let’s start with that. What are iniquities? The Hebrew word for iniquity is defined as: “ ‘avon” - which means perversity, moral evil, mischief, faults wickedness. Well, that is a great benefit.

Let’s go on with that verse. It continues with, **“who healeth all thy diseases.”** Well, I don’t know about you, but that is a great benefit. When medical help says there is no help, there is help. God heals all our diseases. Do you believe that? It comes to those that believe it. I have seen so many miracles I should write a book about them.

Verse 4 goes on to say, **“Who redeemeth thy life from destruction.”** Now that’s a real plus, to redeem means to buy something back. Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, I have been redeemed from the destruction of hell. I have the certainty that I will not go there because I asked Jesus to be my Savior. That certainly is the best of the benefits!

Psalm 103 is full of different benefits. You should read it for yourself. Yet, none of the benefits are acquired without receiving them. They all come by faith. You must believe that God is and that he **rewards them that diligently seek him.** (Hebrews 11:6). So yes, there are benefits to being a Christian. I wouldn’t want to live my life any other way, when His way gives the best benefits of all!