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Have you ever stopped to realize what it costs a person by not being a Christian? If you have never yet made a decision to accept Christ as your personal Saviour because you have felt it was not worthwhile or it was unimportant to be a Christian, let me mention a few things that it has cost you. I hope this will help those who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ in dealing with lost loved ones and lost friends.

First of all, it costs the peace of mind. The Lord said, "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. There is nothing in this world that will bring peace in the heart of man outside of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. IN CHRIST we have peace. Not only do we have peace with God, but we also have the peace of God. Life is really not worth living if you don't have peace of mind. It is only IN CHRIST that we find this peace. Failing to accept Christ as your personal Saviour costs you peace of mind.

Secondly, it costs the most overflowing joy that can be known on this Earth. We find in 1 Peter 1:8, speaking of our Lord, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." It costs you the wonderful joy, the joy that the Lord only can give through trusting in Him, rejoicing in Him. So when you reject Christ as your personal Saviour, it not only costs you peace but also joy.

Thirdly, it costs you hope. Without Jesus Christ you have no hope. In Ephesians 2 we find that the Gentiles have no Messiah, no Christ and "they are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, HAVING NO HOPE, and without God in the world." So, rejection of Christ costs you any kind of hope or joyful anticipation in the future. Titus 2:13 says, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour

Jesus Christ." Hope for the future is much more important than any possession of today. When you reject Christ as your personal Saviour, it has cost you all possibility of not only having peace, but also joy and hope.

Fourthly, it costs you eternal life. "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. We find also in Romans that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. You have no eternal life. Your life consists of only a few years that you live here on this earth, and then you have a Christless eternity. It costs you eternal life, which means life with our Lord through all eternity. It costs you peace of mind because you are not a Christian. You have given up any chance for hope because you are not a Christian and you have given up eternal life. I don't think that any body with any degree of intelligence at all would want to do something that would cost them all of that. **Peace, Joy, Hope, and Eternal Life.**

Fifthly, it costs you a heavenly home, a home throughout all eternity. In John 14 Jesus Christ said, "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." Just stop and ask yourself if it is worthwhile to be a Christian. Consider what it has cost you in rejecting Christ as your personal Saviour. You have no peace of mind. You have no overflowing joy. You have no hope. You have no eternal life. You do not have a heavenly home being prepared for you. Let me ask you once more, is it worthwhile? I would have to say on the basis of this, NO! You become a Christian simply by putting your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, the fact that He died on the

cross **for you**, and when you accept that fact, that is your salvation.

I think it is a shame that people don't realize what it is costing them to reject the Lord Jesus Christ. Too many people feel that they are going to have to give up so much in the world. But just take Christ as He is. If you don't, look at what it is going to cost you. You will not have any hope, eternal life, or a heavenly home. You do not have One to intercede for you now, in your hour of need and weakness. Our Lord is seated at the right hand of God the Father interceding for the believers IN JESUS CHRIST. If you have rejected Christ

as your personal Saviour, you have no help for the present. Is it worthwhile to be a Christian? It certainly is. **Hope. Joy. Peace. Eternal Life. Heavenly Home.** Those who have rejected Christ as their personal Saviour are without hope, without joy, without peace, without eternal life, and without a heavenly home, all within this life and they are of most men most miserable.

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