

Why Be A Christian?

(Acts 26:27-29)

- Introduction:
1. The question, “why should I be a Christian?” may seem rather fundamental, but I believe that it really needs to be addressed.
 2. Should we not be prepared to give a good, well planned and thought out answer to this question if we are going to ask people to live for Christ?
 3. In this lesson, we’ll examine a few reasons why we need to be Christians, and if we already are, be reminded of why we should be faithful to our Lord.

I. The Cost Of Being A Christian

- A. (Luke 14:26-35).
- B. Persecution (John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12).
- C. Self-Denial (Matthew 15:24-25).
- D. Different (Romans 12:2; 1 Peter 4:4).

II. Reasons To Be A Christian

- A. Jesus died for you.
 1. (1 Peter 4:1).
 2. (John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9).
 3. (1 John 4:19).
- B. We have wasted enough time in sin.
 1. (1 Peter 4:2-3).
 2. (Romans 8:12).
 3. (Romans 6:16-23).
- C. Our influence on others.
 1. (1 Peter 4:4).
 2. (Matthew 5:14-16).
 3. (Romans 14:7).
- D. Judgment is coming.
 1. (1 Peter 4:5).
 2. (Hebrews 9:27).
 3. (2 Corinthians 5:10).
 4. (Matthew 25:46).

- Conclusion:
1. There is not a more important decision you will have to make in your life.
 2. What will you do with Jesus?