

## **Give Me One Good Reason Why I Should Be a Christian?**

There are times when we need to get to the point and stop beating around the bush. You have probably heard for a long time that Jesus Christ can forgive you of your sins, and give you a new, eternal life. And you may be saying, "I feel good now. Just leave me alone. I haven't died yet." That's a condemning word, "yet." The person who is not a Christian has no strength. Now, don't come show me your muscles, because your muscles have no power to fight death and be able to give you eternal life. When you die, your muscles will rot away. You will not be able to save yourself. You will be helpless and powerless.

One person said, "One of the first gospel illustrations that ever made a real impression upon my young heart was a simple story which I heard a preacher tell when I was less than nine years old. It was of pioneers who were making their way across one of the central states to a distant place that had been opened up for homesteading. They traveled in covered wagons drawn by oxen, and progress was necessarily slow. One day they were horrified to note a long line of smoke in the west, stretching for miles across the prairie, and soon it was evident that the dried grass was burning fiercely and coming toward them rapidly. They had crossed a river the day before but it would be impossible to go back to that before the flames would be upon them. One man only seemed to have understanding as to what could be done. He gave the command to set fire to the grass behind them. Then, when a space was burned over the whole company moved back upon it. As the flames roared on toward them from the west, a little girl cried out in terror, 'Are you sure we shall not all be burned up?' The leader replied, 'My child, the flames cannot reach us here, for we are standing where the fire has been!'"

This is a true picture of what Jesus has done for you and me. He died for our sins, so we could live with God. He has already stood in the fire so we won't have to. Just knowing that Jesus died for sinners like me is sufficient enough reason for seeing the need to become a Christian. Jesus died because He loves you, and He wants you to spend eternity with Him.

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