

Are You Searching For Peace?



The world today is full of people searching for something to worship, something in which to place their faith and provide them with stability and meaning in life. There are any number of things that may demand a person's worship today: success, popularity, money, love of material things, to mention a few.

As a teen-age boy I chose athletics as my god. Although I didn't fall on my knees each day before a carved image of a baseball player I might just as well have, because baseball occupied the very throne of my life. I seriously thought that if I became successful in baseball all life's questions would be answered and all my problems solved.

I was relatively successful in baseball – Captain, All-City, All-State team – but my life was one of unhappiness, bitterness, and frustration because I had chosen a completely unworthy god to worship. I had unconsciously rejected the True God and His plan for my life, and substituted baseball as the center of my existence. St. Augustine, a great man of God in an early century, said: "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and restless are our hearts until they rest in Thee." This described me perfectly.

Near the end of my junior year in high school I removed baseball from the throne of my life and replaced it with the only Person who is worthy of our worship and trust, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world. When I acknowledged the Lordship and authority of Jesus Christ in my life I accepted by faith what He accomplished when He died on the Cross nearly 2,000 years ago: He paid the penalty for my sin and enabled me to be restored to that perfect relationship with God that had been broken by sin.

The Bible says in Romans 6:23: "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." It is impossible for us to earn the right to be once again reunited with God as His children. Rather, this right is offered to us as a gift if we believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as the Saviour and Lord of our life. This is Christianity: not a religion, not a church, but a relationship with Jesus Christ that restores the shine, vitality, and meaning to life.

"As many as received Him (Christ), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." *John 1:12.*

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." *II Corinthians 5:17.*

These two verses sum up what took place in my life when I became a Christian. May I recommend Jesus Christ to you?

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