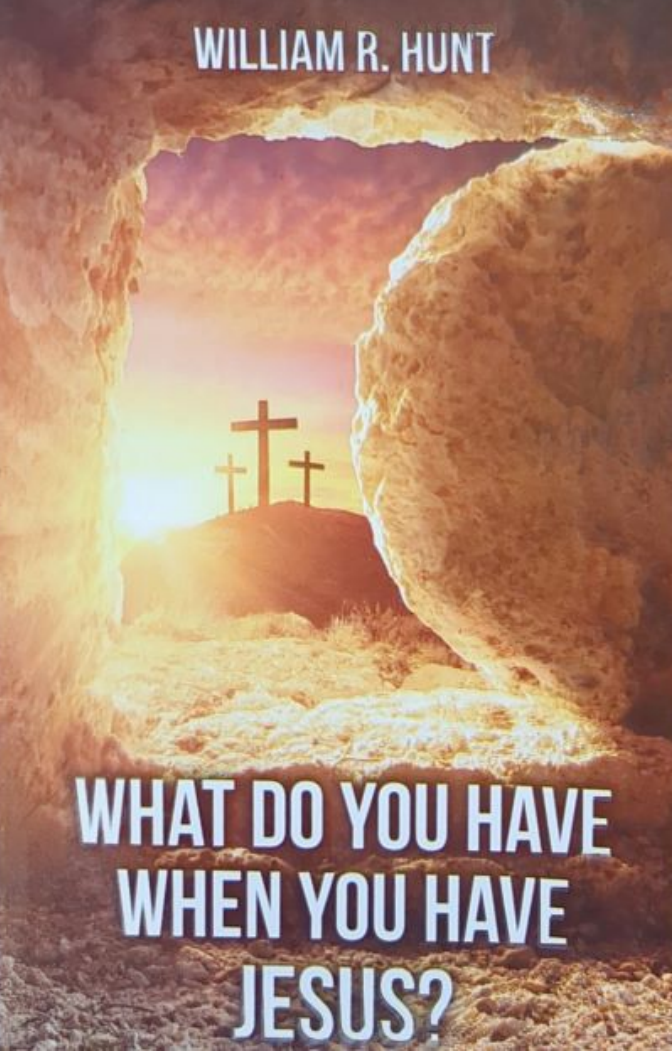


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**WHAT DO YOU HAVE
WHEN YOU HAVE
JESUS?**

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Author's Purpose

The author's purpose for writing this booklet is to encourage people to place their confidence in Jesus by having a broader concept of His character, His love, His mercy, and His provisions. Men's lives reflect their concept of their God. Those who have a low concept of God will live on a low spiritual plane. The higher our concept of God, the greater our love will be to live pleasing to the King of kings and Lord of lords. After enjoying His presence and studying the Bible for 50 years plus, the Bible is a living, exciting, thrilling love letter from my God and Saviour Jesus to all mankind. I have come to the place where I can say, "Lord, I think I know what I need. But Lord, You know what is best. I pray You will give me what is best." I have confidence that He will provide and give what is best. *What a blessing to live on a higher plane in His will and presence.*

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The beginning of an endless love relationship

Romans 5:5 reveals that the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. It is not confined to narrow limits. Many translations use the word “poured” instead of the word “shed.” The love of God has no limits: “love relationship” broadens to mean God’s Word, God’s people, and Christ’s church. The relationship is like leaven: it changes whatever it touches. The love relationship with God is contagious, and it is kind to those who reject you. Christ displayed His love on the cross when He looked on those who rejected Him, and said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34b). A love relationship with God is impossible to purchase. A greater love relationship begins when one allows the Eternal God to sit as the Refiner over one’s total being. The love God pours into one’s heart is superior to all other gifts. It is called the “more excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Christ as the Head of the body—His church (Colossians 1:18)

My wife Elaine was bedfast with Parkinson's disease. I was her caregiver. During that time, I learned that the head controls every function of the body. When the body refuses to be in obedience to the head, it dies. I have learned that the same principle works in the spiritual world. When the Body of Christ responds to the Head, it reproduces righteousness, wisdom, and disciples for Christ who will, later, become the bride. Christ is also known as the Bridegroom, and the church as His bride. Working together, the Bridegroom and the bride bring forth children. When the husband and wife are not in harmony with each other, there is a great chance the children will be rebellious. Might this not be a "spiritual principle," too? You and I are a part of the potential bride for God's only begotten Son. He is the Head.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The Creator

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him” (Colossians 1:16). The Milky Way galaxy is traveling about 1.34 million miles per hour. It consists of 200-400 billion stars. There are between ten sextillion and one septillion stars in the universe. The nearest major galaxy of comparable size to our own galaxy is located at a distance of 2 million light years away. (*The Physics Factbook*. Edited by Glen Elert). “[The LORD] telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names” (Psalm 147:4). You are more important than the stars. At your conception, God knew all about you (Psalm 139:15, 16). The Creator knows your thoughts, your goals, and where He is on your priority list in your daily life.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Lamb (#1)

There was a man living in the mountains and in the tombs who was possessed by a legion of devils. He had been bound by chains and fetters, but he had broken them. He cried day and night, and also cut himself. But “the Lamb” came to him to cast out the devils. Then the man was found sitting, clothed, and in his right mind. The man asked “the Lamb” if he could go with Him, but heard these words: “Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee” (Mark 5:19). Readers, are you telling your friends what great things God has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you? Remember you are “the Lamb’s” witness.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Lamb (#2)

5,000 people saw “the Lamb” when He fed them with “five barley loaves, and two small fishes” (John 6:9). When they were all filled, “the Lamb” said to gather up the left-overs. The disciples had to get 12 “to-go boxes,” and filled them with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above unto them that had eaten (verses 12 and 13). A woman caught in adultery met “the Lamb.” After the Lamb had a talk with the accusers, the woman heard these wonderful words from “the Lamb’s” mouth: “Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more” (John 8:11b). Readers, some have seen “the Lamb,” others heard “the Lamb,” and others followed “the Lamb.” The Samaritan woman proclaimed the good news to others about the Lamb. Reader, in which group would the Lord find you?

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Lamb (#3)

The following are people who found “the Lamb.” John the Baptist was with two of his disciples on the day that Jesus came by. John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God,” and the two disciples found “the Lamb” and followed “the Lamb” (John 1:37). When Nicodemus found “the Lamb,” he heard these words, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3b). A Samaritan woman found “the Lamb” sitting at Jacob’s well, and heard from “the Lamb” these words, “. . . The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14). The Samaritan woman said, “We are looking for the Lamb,” then heard the words “I . . . am He” (v. 26b).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Lamb (#4)

God said to Abraham, “Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering.” Abraham took everything for the burnt offering, but Isaac asks a question: “. . . where is the lamb. . . ?” (Genesis 22:7). Answers for the people of today: The shepherds found “the Lamb” in a manger as a little Baby in Bethlehem of Judea (Luke 2:16). Mary, His mother, years later found “the Lamb” in the temple sitting among the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions (Luke 2:46). John the Baptist said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29b). A thief on a cross asked “the Lamb,” “Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” He heard, “. . . To day thou shalt be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:42, 43).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Lamb (preannounced) (#5)

At least seven hundred years before Jesus was born, God had announced the birth-place of the Lamb (Micah 5:2). Now the angels made known to the shepherds the birth of the Lamb, and sent them to see the Lamb of God lying as a baby in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes (Luke 2:8-15). The scene on and around the cross that the Lamb of God was nailed on was preannounced: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me. . . ?” (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46). “He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him” (Psalm 22:8; Matthew 27:43). In Psalm 22:7, 13, 14, 16-18, and 22 are the pre-announcement of the scene at the cross. It is a historical fact that Jesus was the Lamb of God.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Being filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19b).

“By the fullness of God, we are to understand all those gifts and graces which He has promised to bestow on man, and which He dispenses to the Church. To be filled with all the fullness of God, is to have the whole soul filled with meekness, gentleness, goodness, love, justice, holiness, mercy, and truth. And as what God fills, neither sin nor Satan can fill: consequently, it implies that the soul shall be emptied of sin, that sin shall neither have dominion over it, nor a being in it. It is impossible for us to understand these words in a lower sense than this. But how much more they imply (for more they do imply), I cannot tell” (Adam Clarke). Today, Lord, we pray that You will indelibly answer that prayer of Ephesians 3:19 for us.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The great High Priest

No one comes into the presence of God the Father except through a priest. Those who have Jesus as the great High Priest have the Son. He has the power and ability to free people from sin (John 8:34-36). “Wherefore he [Jesus] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25). Under the Levitical priesthood, every priest eventually died, resulting in a change of priest. The priests could only come into the presence of God once a year, and they did not have the authority or power to open the door to the throne of grace. Jesus offered Himself as the Sacrifice for all the sins of mankind. When Jesus arose from the grave, He became the eternal High Priest. And as High Priest, He grants us 24/7 access to the throne of grace. Not only do we have access, but our great High Priest invites us to come to His throne (Hebrews 4:16).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The great Shepherd (Psalm 23 plus)

Jesus is the great Shepherd. 1. He provides a rest for the soul. 2. He gives an inner peace for the journey through life. 3. He leads in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. 4. He leads one through the treacherous dangers of life. 5. He prepares a table for one in the presence of one's enemies. He also anoints them. He fills their cup until it runs over. 6. This great Shepherd is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves those who have a contrite spirit. (Psalm 34:18). 7. Because of the great Shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow one all the days of his life, and he will dwell in the house of the Lord God forever. Oh!! For all who follow the great Shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow them all the days of their life.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A great Teacher

Jesus said, "Let us go over onto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; . . . Master, master, we perish." The disciples were followers of Jesus. They had obeyed Jesus, and they knew He was their Master. But Jesus took a nap. He was asleep (Luke 8:22-24). While Jesus was asleep, ". . . There arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full." When the disciples woke Jesus, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace, be still." The wind and the sea obeyed Jesus. He asked the disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:37-40) This is a great lesson on trust and faith. Jesus is a great Teacher.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Confidence Builder

“And when [Jesus] was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs [cemetery] a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains” (Mark 5:2, 3). The man who met Jesus was possessed with many evil spirits (v. 9). Jesus commanded them to come out of the man, and the evil spirits obeyed. A little later people came to see Jesus and the man possessed with the legion of devils, sitting and clothed and in his right mind (v 15). In Mark chapter 4, the disciples were taught a lesson on faith and Jesus’ power over the wind and sea. Now they see Jesus has power over demons, and the power to restore a man to a right mind. Jesus was building their confidence in God.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The Supreme Sacrifice

“. . . Lo, I come . . . to do thy will, O God” (Hebrews 10:9). It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sin (v. 4). The Levitical priests never sat down in the Holy of Holies. They had to stand (v. 11). Jesus, after He had offered one sacrifice for sin forever, sat down on the right hand of God. The Supreme Sacrifice was Jesus’ own body. Jesus was a display of the love God had for man whom God had created in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). God promised Satan that he would be conquered through the seed of the very woman—Eve—he had deceived (Genesis 3:14, 15). That seed was Jesus, who came to do the will of God (Hebrews 10:9). God’s will was accomplished at Calvary for me and for you. The Supreme Sacrifice took our place.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: The Resurrection

“Jesus said unto [Martha], I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25). God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up by His own power (1 Corinthians 6:14). This is man’s proof of the Lord’s resurrection, and with confidence we can say, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” The only victory is through our Lord Jesus who said, “I am the resurrection.” All people that fully understand the price Christ paid to be resurrected in order to ransom them from eternal torment will say with Paul, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14a). The dead in Christ shall rise first: then we who are alive and remain join them in the air.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Authority of Truth (#1)

Jesus said, “. . . I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). Notice the word “the” before each of the nouns, meaning there is none other. What are Jesus’ credentials? That is a good question. When Jesus was baptized, there came a voice from heaven, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17b: see Luke 3:22). When Jesus, Peter, James, and John went up on the high mountain, and Jesus was transfigured, His face shone as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light. A bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him (Matthew 17:5c).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Authority of Truth (#2)

In what way is Jesus the Authority of Truth? By the Scriptures. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). “For by [Jesus] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, . . . all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things . . .” (Colossians 1:16, 17). “Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands (Psalm 102:25). Jesus, “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” (1 Peter 3:22.).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A providing Creator

“All things were made by him [Jesus]; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). After God created the earth, He created light (Genesis 1:3). Light reveals. Before He created the animals, He provided food for the animals (v. 12.). After man sinned, God provided an animal to be slain because of sin. Sin is costly. It cost the animal its life. In Exodus, it is revealed that redemption is very costly. Only blood could be used for redemption (Exodus 12:5-13). Also, God revealed that the provision for redemption would be a male slain by man. This is confirmed: “. . . without shedding of blood is no remission . . .” (Hebrews 9:22-28). Jesus provided His blood for man’s sin at Calvary, where they crucified Him (Luke 23:33). It cost the Creator His life. “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14a).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A God of power (#1)

“. . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him” (John 14:23). Anyplace God is dwelling is holy ground.

For those who are indwelt by God, He furnishes the power for that person to be able to refuse the temptation of sin. Because of the indwelling of God in a person, “. . . he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are things become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Christian has a new nature, new power, new goals, new affections, new friends, and a new love. The old nature was powered by the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The new nature is powered by the Spirit of God: “. . . in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A God of power (#2)

“All things were made by him [Jesus]; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). Power was given to Abraham to pack his possessions, to leave his home, and head for unknown territory. (Hebrews 11:8). Power was given to Esther to enter into the presence of the king when the king had not called for her. She knew she could be put to death. However, the king held out to her the golden scepter. The power of God is greater than the fear of death (Esther 4:11). God’s power is revealed in Daniel when he and his three friends, who were all probably teenagers, refused to be defiled with the king’s food (Daniel 1:8-14). Age and sex are not hindrances to the power of God. Jesus displayed the power of God by walking on water (Matthew 14:25), raising the dead (John 11:43), etc.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A God of power (over elements) (#3)

One day Jesus said to His disciples, “Let us pass over unto the other side” (Mark 4:35b). Jesus and His disciples got in a boat and headed for the other side. Before they reached the other side, there was an exceedingly great windstorm, but Jesus was asleep on a pillow in the hinder part of the boat. The disciples were experienced seamen. They realized the storm was so severe that they were all going to perish. However, they went to the right source for help: Jesus. They woke up Jesus, and said unto Him, “Master, carest thou not that we perish” (Mark 4:38c). Jesus rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, “Peace, be still.” The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. The wind, the sea, and the waves became like dead men: there was no movement. Christ’s word displayed power.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Evidence of Jesus' humanity (#1)

Here we find Jesus leaving Judea and walking through Samaria. In Samaria He comes to the city of Sychar. Jesus had become tired. The disciples and Jesus had walked probably about six hours when they came to Jacob's well. "Jesus therefore, being wearied from his journey, sat thus on the well" (John 4:6b). While His disciples were going into the city to buy food, a woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus was not only tired, but He was thirsty. He said to the woman, "Give me to drink" (v. 7c). Because of the animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans, the woman said, "Why are you, a Jew, asking for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" Jesus' humanity was revealed from being wearied and thirsty from walking.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Evidence of Jesus' humanity (#2)

“And the Word [Jesus] was made flesh (John 1:14a). “For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed [or nature] of Abraham” (Hebrews 2:16). “For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted” (a little better wording about Jesus would be “having Himself being tempted in what He suffered” (Hebrews 2:18). During an extremely bad windstorm, Jesus and His disciples were in a boat. The boat was about to sink but Jesus was lying on a pillow, sleeping. Again here we see Jesus' humanity. His body needed sleep. We also see His divinity. After awakened, Jesus by His word calmed the wind and the sea (Mark 4:38). He suffered, was tempted, and needed sleep. All are traits of humanity.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A Refiner

The greatest goal of our lives should be that we are a reflection of Christ's character and passions. This appears to me from Malachi. God knew He was going to be silent for 400 years. Also, God knew the priesthood would change from a Levitical priesthood to a Royal Priesthood in an extremely short time of about 33 years. One of God's greatest pleasure is when He sees nothing but His reflection in a Christian. In the book of Acts, the world saw the reflection of Christ when they said those ignorant men had turned the world upside-down. They also acknowledged that those ignorant men had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13; 17:6). It cost all of the Apostles, except John, their lives by martyrdom for being a reflection of Christ. Whom are you reflecting? Is it Jesus, or is it yourself?

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Multiple purposes (#1)

God had many purposes for Christ laying aside His glory and becoming a Baby born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem. 1. God was and is still seeking and saving the lost. 2. To destroy the works of the devil. 3. To finish the plan of salvation. 4. To send the Comforter. 5. To demonstrate the kindness and love of God. 6. To reveal to mankind the relationship God desires to have with mankind. 7. To be the sacrificial Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world. 8. To fill men with all the fullness of God. 9. God desires sinners know He is their Friend. GLORY!! And He is the Saviour to all who wholly follow Christ.

(1) Luke 19:10; (2) 1 John 3:8; (3) John 19:30; (4) John 15:26; (5) John 3:16; (6) John 15:5; (7) John 1:29; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Matthew 11:19.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Multiple purposes (#2)

1. Peace with God. No longer are we God's enemy.

2. Access by faith to God's throne of grace.

3. Being blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, chosen in Christ before the foundations of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Christ in love. To the praise of His glory, we have been made accepted in the Beloved, Christ.

4. The same nature as the Vine. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." "If ye abide in me [Jesus], and my words abide in you. . . ." Oh, the power of prayer as promised in that verse!!

(1) Romans 5:1, 2; (2) Romans 5:1, 2; (3) Ephesians 1:1-8); (4) John 15:1-9.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Ability to delight in God's Word (#1)

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night” (Psalm 1:2).

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” (Psalm 37:4).

“I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart” (Psalm 40:8).

“I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word” (Psalm 119:16).

“Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors (Psalm 119:24).

“Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight” (Psalm 119:35).

“And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved” (Psalm 119:47).

“Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law” (Psalm 119:70).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Ability to delight in God's Word (#2)

“Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him” (Proverbs 8:30).

“A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight” (Proverbs 11:1).

“They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight” (Proverbs 11:20).

“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight” (Proverbs 12:22).

“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight” (Proverbs 15:8).

“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man” (Romans 7:22).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

*Answer: The author and finisher of our faith
(Hebrews 12:2a)*

What is justifying faith? It is embracing the gospel as truth without error, and allowing our will and understanding to close in on the design and power of the death of Jesus Christ as the Sacrifice for our sins. It is the committing of one's self to God's provisions for sin as found in Christ, and a renunciation of every other refuge. It is a personal trust and yielding of self to Christ for His great salvation provided by God. John Wesley explained the subject this way, "Justifying faith implies, not only a divine evidence or conviction that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, but a sure trust and confidence that Christ died for my sins, that He loved me and gave Himself for me."

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Love to rest in (Romans 5:5)

(1) Love is a compounded word. (2) To love is to act vehemently or intensely. (3) Love is always active, and will act in every possible way; for he who loves is, with all his affection and desire, carried forward to the beloved object, in order to possess and enjoy it. (4) To love is to be completely at rest, or, to be intensely satisfied: because he who loves is supremely contented with, and rests completely satisfied in, that which he loves. (5) A person eagerly embraces, and vigorously holds fast, that which is the object of his love. (6) Love is rest, because that which a man loves intensely he rests in, with fixed admiration and contemplation: so that genuine love changes not, but always abides steadily attached to that which is loved. (Gleaned from Adam Clarke.)

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Scriptures for time of doubt (#1)

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

“As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35-39).

“. . . Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:20).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Scriptures for time of doubt (#2)

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (Ephesians 1:4).

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7).

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Love displayed (#1)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and laid in a manger. His first welcome from the world was the stink from animals. Rather quickly, God hid Jesus in Egypt. From there He was moved to Nazareth. No good thing could come out of Nazareth by the world's standards (John 1:45, 46). It is written, "He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in his name (John 1:11, 12). Almost every human being has been rejected by someone, but Jesus' rejection started almost immediately after He was born. As time passed, Jesus' rejection became more intense, resulting in His being crucified. Oh!! the love displayed on the cross when Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30b).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Love displayed (#2)

Jesus was rejected starting at a very young life, perhaps even as a baby in His mother's arms. As He grew older, the rejection became intense and violent. The Romans crucified Jesus on a cross, but earlier Jesus had said, "No man taketh [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:18). Jesus had the power to call 10,000 angels and set him free from the cross. But because of His love, His goal, His obedience to the Father's will, Jesus stayed on the cross for you and for me. John the Baptist was correct when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29b)

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Love displayed (#3)

The love of God was displayed through His Son Jesus many times under different circumstances. The cross and the empty grave have been the trademarks of Christendom. I've been told that in every religion men are seeking God, except in the Christian religion. God is seeking man. The cost and the love of God are displayed on the cross by the price God was willing to pay to climax His seeking at the appointed time. God's love and His longsuffering are displayed today to a world who is still rejecting Christ. Reader, think on the cross. Christ went to Calvary for me and for you. He took our punishment for sin: that God might forgive us, give us a pardon, adopt us into His family, and make His abode within us on the condition that we love Christ (John 14:23).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Better concepts of:

God's wisdom, God's love, God's glory, God's weapons, God's power, God's knowledge, God's rewards, God's mercy, God's kindness, God's moral law, God's grace, God's liberty for people, God's opposition on sin, God's punishment for sin, God's penalty for disobedience to His Word, God's provisions, God's compassion, God's ability to hear both the righteous and the unrighteous, and God's care for the animals. Job 39 reveals that God knows when the wild goats give birth. God made the wilderness a house for the wild donkeys. God gave goodly wings to the peacock. Christ desires that all people have high, holy, and right concepts of the Trinity. All of the above concepts are found in the first three chapters of Genesis and the last four chapters of Job.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Humility displayed

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). Christ was very God (see vv. 7-11). Christ humbled Himself and became very man. The Bible records that He was weary, needed sleep, suffered hunger, and was homeless. “. . . The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has not where to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20). Christ became a servant-slave. He washed the feet of the disciples, and wiped them with the towel. (John 13:5). Christ, humbled Himself even more. He “. . . became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). Christ washed the feet of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. Jesus was found “. . . in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions” (Luke 2:46)

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Passions of Jesus (Righteousness) (#1)

“For by [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions . . . *all things were created by him*, and for him” (Colossians 1:16). God saw “every thing” that was created, and it was very good (Genesis 1:31). “Very good” is a passion for RIGHTEOUSNESS. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they lost their RIGHTEOUSNESS. God killed an animal, and clothed Adam and Eve in RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jesus, the Creator of all things, shed His blood on Calvary for all who would, by faith, receive Him. He gave power to us to become the sons of God, clothed in the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God by impartation. Christ had a passion for RIGHTEOUSNESS (Luke 19:45, 46).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Passions of Jesus (Father's will) (#2)

The following from John 4:34 to John 6:39.

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34). “For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38). “I can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” (John 5:30). “. . . O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Matthew 26:39). (This prayer is found in Matthew, Mark and Luke). “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Passions of Jesus (#3)

One R: *righteousness*. Two F's: *Father's house, Father's will*. Three P's: *People*. The widow's son was dead, and on the road to be buried. Jesus had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not." Then to the dead son He said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." He that was dead sat up, and began to speak, and He delivered him to his mother. *Prayer*. "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." *Praise*. Four T's: *Truth. The harvest field*. ". . . The harvest truly is great, . . . pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest (Luke 10:2). ". . . For *the joy that was set before him* endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2a). Jesus took on Him the seed of Abraham *to identify with man* (Hebrews 2:16b).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Weapons not of the flesh

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)” (2 Corinthians 10:4). The conflict between Cain and Abel was the beginning of spiritual darkness. Days of anger, hate, revenge, lawlessness, greed, selfishness, drunkenness, and immorality have been at times been at high tide. Men have used various types of weapons to destroy each other. In the Old Testament, prayer was the strongest weapon against spiritual darkness. After King Jehoshaphat’s prayer, Judah’s enemies destroyed one another (2 Chronicles 20:22-24). I repeat, “(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down . . . every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God . . .” (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5).

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A rejected Messiah

“[Jesus] came unto his own, and his own received him not (John 1:11). This verse teaches the humanity of Christ. Almost every person, if not every person, who has lived to be 20 years old or older has experienced rejection. The Bible and Jesus teach us how to handle rejection. In Luke 19:41 we find Jesus weeping over Jerusalem because they would not let Him help them. In Luke 4:16-21 we find Jesus in the synagogue amongst those who had rejected Him, saying to them, “I have come to help turn you from darkness to light: from death to eternal life.” On the cross we find Him praying for those who had rejected Him (Luke 23:34). His own rejected Him, but He did not reject them. He was their Friend. Today many are rejecting Him, but He is still calling them to Himself.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A change in family

Redemption is great. Redemption means a slave purchased. But when it comes to God, the Bible says we are redeemed, but more than redeemed: we are forgiven of our sins, and we are also adopted into God's family. We become a child with all the privileges of a child. I know what I was redeemed from: a life of sin leading to Eternal death. I know that I was forgiven for all of my sins. I know that I was adopted and became a child of God. I have volunteered to be a living sacrifice, a sweet savor unto my God and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. A voluntary sacrifice is a sweet savor, pleasing unto the Lord, and it results in a child's joy—all because of the Triune God's mercy and grace. For the past 50 years, I have had a constant, deep, inward longing for a closer relationship with my King.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: A record of rejection (Book of Job)

The Book of Job is not a diary. It is an account after the fact. It gives men instructions on handling rejection. God said that Job was perfect, upright, feared God, and turned from evil. In one day he lost all his possessions, but Job fell down and worshipped (Job 1:20, 22). Job's wife rejected him. Three friends of his accused him of sin, again and again. Satan caused boils to break out on Job from head to foot. It appeared God had rejected Job. His kinfolks and friends rejected him. (Job 19:13). Job said, "For I know that my redeemer liveth" (Job 19:25a). Job could not find God anywhere, but he had great confidence in God (Job 23:8-10) At last God revealed Himself to Job, and had Job to pray for his accusers (Job 42:8). Also, Jesus prayed for His accusers.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Available contentment

“. . . I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Philippians 4:11). “But now God hath set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him” (1 Corinthians 12:18). It is a wonderful day when people realize God knows what is best for them, and will accept their role in the body of Christ. It will end many problems. To learn contentment, man must allow the Holy Spirit to be the Teacher, the Heart Doctor, the Administrator, and the Dispatcher. The Bible does not teach that this learning curve will be comfortable and easy to learn. In fact, it teaches the contrary. Contentment is contrary to man’s fallen nature known as the twisted nature or perverted nature. Whatever the name that is used for this nature, it hinders unity and contentment.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Biblical stability

It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God (Luke 4:4.). The Word of God reveals God's condescension, faithfulness, grace, holiness, impartiality, stability, truth, unity, wisdom, His kingdom, and His remedy for man's sin and transgression. God's Word lays claim that He has knowledge and control of the earth, the sea, the clouds, the gates of hell, the doors of the shadow of death, where light dwelleth, the treasures of the snow, and the treasures of the hail. He numbers the stars, and calls them by name (Psalm 147:4). The stars, Pleiades, Mazzaroth, Arcturus, and much more are revealed in Job 38 and 39. Jesus demonstrated many of these truths during His ministry on earth. The Word of God is unshakable, unchangeable, unwavering, steadfast, and dependable. The source for stability is rooted in the crucifixion of Christ, and in His resurrection.

What Do You Have When You Have Jesus?

Answer: Power of the gospel

The Holy Spirit tells of a so great salvation that was first spoken of by the Lord Jesus (Hebrews 2:3). Why “SO GREAT SALVATION”? 1. It cost Christ His life by crucifixion. 2. It changes people’s lives and goals: (a) It changed a man to a great prayer warrior who at one time controlled a whole county. If he told a man to leave the county, the man left the county. (b) It made a man a preacher for Christ Jesus, with a passion to tell others about Jesus, who before was a drug dealer both in prison and outside of prison. (c) It changed a lady to a soul winner for Christ who previously had been a high class prostitute. (d) It changed an alcoholic to a preacher for Jesus, and a soul winner for Christ. This “SO GREAT SALVATION” changes a person: OLD things PASS AWAY, and ALL THINGS become NEW (2 Corinthians 5:17). The author knew all of these people.

Help for Seekers of Salvation

What does Jesus offer to ALL people?

Answer: Forgiveness from sins

To be saved, you must acknowledge that you are a sinner. You must believe you are created by God and have enough faith to believe God's Word. Forgiveness is for "who-soever" shall confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in his heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead. The Bible says *that* person "shall be saved" (Romans 10:9). St. John confirmed this when he said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "Whosoever believeth in him [Jesus] should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15). The gospel of Jesus Christ is for you!

What does Jesus have to offer to the world?

Answer: Removal of sin

If a person travels straight north until he reaches the North Pole and then he keeps moving, he will begin going south. If a person travels straight east, though, he can continue indefinitely, never meeting the west. “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). God will “subdue our iniquities” and cast all our sins “into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:19b). God said, “I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:34). Not only does God remove sin and remember it no more, but God also said, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:18).

What must I do to receive God's salvation?

Answer: Believe that God will forgive you of your sins when you ask Him.

Reader, you, too, can be saved and have a personal relationship with Christ. Here is a suggested prayer. "Lord, I know I am a sinner and need to be saved. Lord, I know Jesus arose from the dead and that His blood was shed for my sins. Lord, I'm asking You to forgive me of my sins and cleanse me. Lord, help me grow in Jesus and develop a love for Your Word. Lord, above everything, help me to keep my eyes focused on You and not on people. Lord, Your Word has confirmed that You would save me; I believe You *have* saved me. Please give me a witness from Your Spirit to my spirit that I am Your child. By faith I believe Your Word; still, my faith is weak. Lord, increase my faith. Amen."

Name and Date: _____

Scriptures for Times of Doubt

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

“As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35-39).

“. . . Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:20).

Scriptures for Times of Doubt

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (Ephesians 1:4).

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7).

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

Scriptures for Times of Doubt

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

“And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day” (John 6:37-39).

“The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah” (Psalm 46:11).

“The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower” (Psalm 18:2).

“In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears” (Psalm 18:6).

“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock” (Psalm 27:5).