

What The Unsavved Have

The Bible lists several things that unsavved people definitely have. As we read down through the list, we soon discover that these are not the most desirous things to have. However, at the very end we have God's alternative.

Beginning at the top of the list, we find that the unsavved person has:

(1) NO LIFE (I John 5:12). A person may have education, culture, refinement, wealth, influence, everything else, but all these together can neither merit nor purchase life. He who has not Jesus, whatever else he may have, has not the one thing essential, life, life now, life eternal. God counts him dead (Eph. 2:1). The way to have real life is to have Jesus; and the way to have Jesus is to receive Him (John 1:12).

(2) NO PEACE (Isa. 57:2). "There is no peace, saith my God to the wicked." People will travel the world over, indulge in everything and do everything to find peace, and yet their lives are a constant testimony to the truth of the Word, "No peace to the wicked." "He is our peace" (Eph. 2:14).

(3) NO STRENGTH (Rom. 5:6). The unsavved man is helpless, either to save himself or to make himself better. There was no hope for him anywhere; Jesus came and died at just the right time. His sacrifice avails for the ungodly now, and the sinner never needed the Saviour as much as he does just now.

(4) NO CHRIST (Eph. 2:12). Here are five awful statements that were true of the Ephesians before they received the gospel, and are true of every unsavved one now: without Christ, without citizenship, without promise, without hope, without God. How awful for one to have no Christ, no Saviour, no one to bear his sins, no blood to cover him in the judgment day.

(5) NO CITIZENSHIP (Eph. 2:12). To be "an alien from the commonwealth of Israel" means, as far as it was understood in those days, to be banished from the company of the saved here as well as to have no citizenship in heaven.

(6) NO PROMISE (Eph. 2:12). The unsavved man is a stranger to the many thousand promises which are available to the child of God who has placed himself under the covenant of grace.

(7) NO HOPE (Eph. 2:12). "Hope lost, all's lost." What is a man without hope? What would one do if he did not hope for results, and for the fruit of his labors? What an awful thing to go into eternity without hope!

(8) NO GOD (Eph. 2:12). The climax. The blackness of despair. No God.

(9) NO REMEDY (Prov. 29:1). It is dangerous to resist God when He speaks by His Spirit. Every time the sinner does this his heart becomes harder, and he becomes bolder in his refusals. This is the danger point, for he shall, in an unexpected moment, and without warning, be destroyed. No remedy. No excuse. Last chance gone. "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." (Gen. 6:3).

(10) NO EXCUSE (Rom. 1:20). "So that they are without excuse." Having rejected all warnings and invitations, what excuse has the non-Christian to offer? "What wilt thou say when He shall punish thee?" (Jer. 13:21).

(11) A JUDGE (John 12:48). The rejected Word of God, with its faithful descriptions of sin, its warnings and its invitations, will be an awful judge.

(12) AN INVITATION FOR SALVATION "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be Saved." (Romans 10:13).

My friend, you have just read a list of things unsavved people have according to God's Word. The twelfth item, "An Invitation for Salvation," is good only for one day at a time (II Cor. 6:2) because tomorrow may never come. To be saved means to receive Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. To become saved, all you need to do is realize that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23), confess to God the Father this fact, ask for forgiveness of those sins and for Jesus Christ to come into your heart. According to Hebrews 9:26; 10:12, Jesus Christ has already paid the penalty for our sins by shedding His blood (Heb. 9:11-14). Will you confess your sins to God and be forgiven (I John 1:9), and receive His gift of eternal life (Ephesians 2:8)? If you will do this, believing in your heart that God has raised Christ from the dead (Romans 10:9; I Peter 1:3), then according to God's Word you will be saved for all eternity (John 3:16; I John 5:11-13).

Unsavved person, until you have definitely accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, you have definitely rejected Him. I plead with you, for the sake of your soul, receive Jesus Christ, NOW!

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