

4. What are some of the ways our heavenly Father has comforted you in the past?

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5. In what ways can you act as an ambassador for Christ?

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6. Since the Holy Spirit lives inside you, how should this affect the way you live your life? Read Daniel 3:7-25.

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sermon notes

MARCH 27, 2011

TODAY'S SERMON: SO, NOW I'M A CHRISTIAN

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7; 5:20, JUDE 1:23, ROMANS 6:17, JOHN 14:18 (NKJV)

It ought to be the business of every day, to prepare for our last day,
Matthew Henry

1 We have a treasure.

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But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV)
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- The treasure is Christ in us.
- We are jars of clay.
- The Greek word for excellence is *hyperbole* which means superiority, excess, preeminence.

Think about it: You are valuable and precious in God's sight!

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but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Jude 1:23 (NKJV)
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- There is a proper time and place for hate.
- Love the sinner. Hate the sin.

② We are not orphans.

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I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:18 (NKJV)
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We are not deprived. We have everything we need.

Think about it: I am not alone! Jesus has given me the Holy Spirit to comfort, guide, counsel, and strengthen me in every situation of life.

③ We are Heaven's voice.

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Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)
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We are ambassadors.

- an official representative who is authorized to speak on behalf of his sender
- an authorized messenger who has the power to make decisions and to represent the will of his nation and king
- a representative temporarily sent to a foreign government

Reconciliation: The process by which God and man are brought together again. This is only made possible by the blood of Jesus.

Think about it: You are a royal ambassador for the King of kings!

study notes

1. Read Romans 6 and discuss slavery to sin and the power of God's grace.

2. What were some of the sinful impulses and desires you were set free from when Christ came into your life?

3. What can you do that will help you walk free of these sins on a daily basis?