



ONE THING JESUS  
CAN'T GIVE YOU



## Matthew 13:28–30

He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and **at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers**, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’





## Matthew 13:39–43

The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and **the reapers are the angels...** **The Son of Man will send out His angels**, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.





When Christ returns there will be a clear  
**DISTINCTION** between the righteous  
wheat and the wicked tares.





## Matthew 7:21–23

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**





# 1 John 3:4, 5

Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.





Some will fully expect to go with Christ when He returns but will not be accepted because they “practice lawlessness”— sin.





# Revelation 22:14

Blessed are **those who do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.





The Bible makes plain **God's expectation *of***  
and **His provision *for*** our obedience.





# 1 Peter 2:21, 22

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that you should follow His steps:** “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”





## 1 Thessalonians 4:1–3

Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **For this is the will of God, your sanctification...**





## John 5:8, 14

Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked... Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “**See, you have been made well. Sin no more,** lest a worse thing come upon you.”





## John 8:10, 11

When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” **And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”**





Christ offers sinners not only **PARDON** for past sins for **POWER** for future victory.





## 1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And **God is faithful**; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But **when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.**





## James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**





## Ephesians 6:10, 11

Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.





**Jude 24, 25**

**Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.**





Wait a minute... doesn't the Bible say that when Christ returns we will be changed?





## 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**— **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible, and **we shall be changed**.





What about us does God change  
at the Second Coming?





## Romans 8:11, 23

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you... Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**





## Philippians 3:20, 21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who **will transform our lowly body** that it may be conformed to His glorious body, accord to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.





When Christ shall come, our vile bodies are to be changed, and made like His glorious body; but the vile character will not be made holy then. The transformation of character must take place before His coming.







The same God who formed Adam from the dust can make you a new body in a moment.







A body can be **GIVEN**, but  
character must be **GROWN**.





Though He can give you a body fit for heaven,  
**the one thing Jesus can't give you is a  
character fit for heaven.**





# 1 John 3:2, 3

**Beloved, now we are children of God and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies Himself, just as He is pure.**





# Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.





## 2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.





# Philippians 1:6

... being confident of this very thing, that **He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ**







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Character is not built in a day, but it is built day-by-day.





# Decisions





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Salvation is more than merely getting in to heaven;  
it is fitting into to the society of heaven.





*Signs of the Times, July 31, 1893*

If we would see heaven, we must have heaven below.  
We must have a heaven to go to heaven in.





We are individually now testifying to the world of the power of the grace of Christ in the transformation of human character from glory to glory, from character to character. In beholding Christ our pattern, who is pure and holy and undefiled, we are being prepared for the society of the heavenly angels. **If Christ is to be our head and Prince in the heavenly courts, it becomes us to inquire, What is Christ to us now?**





Do you really even want to go to heaven?





# 1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, **we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**





**THIS AFTERNOON**



**YOU WON'T NEED  
ELBOWS IN HEAVEN**