

A friend of mine told a silly story about a man standing at the gates of heaven waiting to be admitted. To the man's utter shock, Peter said: You have to have earned a thousands points to be admitted to heaven. What have you done to earn your points? I've never heard that before, but I think I'll do alright. I was raised in a Christian home and have always been a part of the church. I have Sunday school attendance stars that are second to none. I went to a Christian school and Bible College and have probably led hundreds of people to Christ. I'm now an elder in my church and am quite supportive of what the people of God do ...



1000 POINTS — TO ENTER HEAVEN —

I have three children, two boys and a girl. My oldest boy is a pastor and the younger on staff with a ministry to the poor. My daughter and her husband are missionaries. I have always tithed and am now giving well over 30% of my income to God's work. I'm a bank executive and work with the poor in our city trying to get low income mortgages. How am I doing so far? he asked Peter.

That's one point Peter replied - What else have you done?
 Lord ... have mercy! the man said in frustration.
 That's it! Peter said. Welcome home.
 Cry out for mercy. Mercy always comes running.

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God Is with Us

*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited & redeemed His people."
 (Luke 1.68)*

Emmanuel: God is with us - God came to us. What a staggering thought. It is really the essence of the Christian faith and the Christian life.



All other religious ideologies essentially tell you that you must do something: *Do this, and you will find inner peace ... Do this, and you will reach nirvana ...*

Do this, and maybe you will make it to heaven ... Gain 1000 brownie points by being good and doing good deeds and you'll get in.

But Christianity says: it's all done - done for you at the Cross; paid for by the shed Blood of Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian is not merely following a creed; it is having Christ Himself live in you and through you, giving you the strength to be the man or woman He has called you to be. Jesus said, 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age' (Matt 28.20) and

WE OUGHT ALWAYS GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU BROTHERS BELIEVED BY THE LORD
BECAUSE GOD CHOSE YOU AS THE FIRSTFRUITS TO BE SAVED THROUGH SANCTIFICATION BY THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF IN THE TRUTH



'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Hebrews 13.5)
 The message of Christmas is God with us; and that's the message we take into 2012.
 God is with us.

That is important to know, especially during those times when we are going through great difficulty.

The Psalmist said, 'If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me'

(Psalm 139.9-10). It is great to know that God is with you wherever you go.

The Bible never teaches that we will have problem-free lives as followers of Christ. But the Bible does teach that we never will be alone. Because of that, we don't have to be afraid.

'The chief mark of the Christian ought to be the absence of fear and the presence of joy.'

This is the message that this sin-sick world needs to hear: EMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US!



all ministries on holidays for the month of January - resuming first week in February
 in the meantime, share your faith, and if necessary, use words!

