True Christianity

1) Matthew 24:11 - "And many false prophets will arise, and will mislead many. NASB

2) 2 Peter 2:1 - 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies. NASB

3) His intent was to ________ us above the world with such an ____________ of our great salvation that we can be both encouraged and sustained in the suffering and the warfare we face….to give us such a vivid picture of the ________ things _______ has done in Christ as to encourage us against the allurements of the world and the __________ and to render the Devil powerless in tempting us to sin.

4) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, - __________ be God says Peter….God is the “blessed One”, the ________ of all blessing and the great fountain of all ________….He is the definition of all that is _______ and right, and the Creator of all things and so Peter rightfully blesses Him…Peter blesses God, that is to say He ___________ God saying “blessed be God.”

5) Ephesians 2:4-5 - 4 But God, being rich in _________, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were _______ in our transgressions, _______ us ________ together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), NASB

6) John 11:25-26 - 25 Jesus said to her, "__ the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, 26 and ___________ who lives and __________ in Me shall never ____. Do you believe this?”  NASB

7) So we see several essential ___________ of True Christianity right here in verses 3-5…we have a great God and a great Savior who have great mercy toward us so that they are moved to raise us ________ the being ________ in sin and cause us to be born again to a living hope, a hope that extends beyond this mortal life into eternity where He shall give us an inheritance of unparalleled and glorious riches to enjoy throughout the eons of eternity in His blessed presence, and He furthermore promises us that _____is protecting us to receive this inheritance and salvation by His great _________.

8) And in all these glorious and wonderful realities Peter says….verse 6, “you ________ rejoice”! ….. Here now is another essential element of True Christianity…_______! ...Christians possess unparalleled joy! “in this you greatly
“…our salvation in Christ is so amazing that when we consider it we are filled with a __________ Joy!

9) We “greatly rejoice” says Peter, even though we are “__________ by various trials”… What’s his point? It is this….. because our salvation in our great God and Savior is so magnanimous and profoundly rich and secure, that it gives us such an abiding joy that we ___________ over the “stress” and “trials” of this life….which He says….now don’t miss this….is only for a _______ ________!

10) 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being ___________ day by day. 17 For ____________, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory _______ beyond all comparison, 18 while we ________ not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. NASB

11) When you trust in and rely upon Christ, you _________ God and you __________ Christ….and this pleases God….. and it shows that your faith is genuine, the real thing! Your faith gets ____________, you hold on to Jesus, and God and the world see it as __________! This honors God and it honors Christ!

12) Revelation 1:7 - 7 Behold, He is __________ with the clouds, and _________ eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will ___________ over Him. Even so. Amen. NASB

13) Now this is what True Christianity is all about….summed up in this verse….3 things….We ________ Jesus, We believe in OR ________ Jesus, We _________ Jesus with a glorious and inexpressible Joy!

14) This is True Christianity! It is _________ centered….Christ focused….Christ sustained….Christ honoring….Christ worshipping….Christ loving….Christ trusting and Christ enjoying! That’s what it means to be a Christian…__________ is ______________!

Conclusion

15) This salvation is…. the _________ of God experienced as a _________ hope of a glorious ____________ which we enjoy by ___________ in our great God and Savior… this is our salvation…..and this was the promise of our Master…..

John 17:3 - 3 "And this IS eternal _________, that they may __________ Thee, the only true God, and _________ Christ whom Thou hast sent. NASB

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