

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