

What It Would Be Like Without Christ
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1. Without Christ, we would *know* nothing.
1 Cor 2:2 *For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.* NKJV –

The greatest bit of information we can know is regard to our relationship to Christ. Once that is established, everything else falls into place. The highest achievement is not a PhD. It is to know Christ (cf. Phil 3:10 *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,* NKJV).

2. Without Christ, we could *do* nothing.
Gal 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.* NKJV

Most regard Paul as “Super Christian” – “Whose reputation travels faster a speeding bullet. Whose messages are more powerful than a locomotive. Able to leap tall steeples with a single bound. Look! It’s ‘Super Christian’. He fights for truth, justice, and the Way.” Paul would never accept such acclaim. In fact, he clearly declares that he can do nothing in his own strength. He was not a ‘super Christian’ – He was a submitted Christian – to the inner working power Jesus. Phil 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* NKJV

3. Without Christ, we *are* nothing.
2 Cor 12:11 *I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing.* NKJV

Our identity is found only in Christ. We are a Christian – one of Christ’s. Without Christ, we are one of nothing.

4. Without Christ, we *have* nothing.
Phil 3:7-9 *But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;* NKJV

There is nothing more valuable than Christ. To have Christ is everything. To be without Christ is nothing. To possess all the world’s fortune but to be without Christ is to possess a vacuum. It can only suck out our life.