

## Christ Is Not Plan “B”

Christ is losing out to PLAN A, big time! For some, Plan A is whatever delights this world; i.e. “Fun in the Flesh.” Plan A is NOT Christ and his righteousness. For them, Christ would be Plan B, at best. It’s hard to get people to ditch Plan A for Plan B. How can Christ compete with earthly relationships, entertainment, jobs, and possessions?

To Plan A subscribers Christ is boring. Reading or studying the Bible is a sleeper, and spiritual growth is not stimulating. For them, Christ may be ultimately necessary for salvation, but in the meantime very uninteresting.

Are we Christians and worshippers because we don’t know Plan A, or we can’t get it? In other words, we are slow, clueless, powerless or losers, (like small children and old people), so we resort to plan B....”Christ”.

Getting someone to ditch Plan A (the world) for Christ might mean that Plan A has to fizzle. Perhaps one fails in health or money, agedness kicks in, and now they have to resort to Plan B...Christ. Christ does not want to be chosen because he is the only option left. Jesus withholds his feast from those who relegate him to Plan B, such as those who said the present issues of life (wife, oxen, land) would put Christ on hold. (Luke 14:15-24)

Was the Apostle Paul zealous in Christ because he had no better options? No. Paul wrote, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” (Phil. 1:21). “Paul chose Christ on purpose, not because he was clueless or powerless. He wasn’t blind to pleasures in the flesh and prestige in society. Paul knew what the world offered, he had the savvy to get it, and he could afford it. Paul did not resort to Christ because he was a loser in life; powerless like old people and children. Paul made his choice during his prime!

Here’s the kicker! Paul did not ditch Plan A (the world) for Plan B (Christ). Paul promoted Christ to Plan A! He demoted the world.

Paul’s career, his ego, his physical survival, and his entertainment in the flesh no longer came first.

When asked if one prefers heaven, hell, or earth, many prefer earth. Not Paul. He ranked heaven above earth, while he was still living in his prime. Paul ranked his love for Christ above his love for earthly living. (Phil. 3:20; Col. 3:1) Christ was Plan A for Paul in life and in death.

We thank God that some families and individuals are serving God in their prime, showing that Plan A is Christ. We can all promote Christ to Plan A by recognizing his incomparable value today! He can compete, and supersedes everything in this world. He is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus Christ is Plan A!

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