

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

**Ephesians 2:19 (KJV)**

You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country.

You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone.

**Ephesians 2:19 (MES)**



*Act Like It !*

*Sunday Morning, August 4, 2002*

## M Since God is worthy of my praise ...

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- **1 Timothy 2:1** I exhort **therefore**, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- **Hebrews 13:15** By him **therefore** let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

## Y Since it cost God so much to purchase my salvation ...

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- **1 Corinthians 6:20** For ye are bought with a price: **therefore** glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- **Romans 12:1** I beseech you **therefore**, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

## P Since sin is beneath me as a child of God ...

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- **Romans 6:12** Let not sin **therefore** reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
- **2 Corinthians 7:1** Having **therefore** these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## A Since my sins are under the blood of Jesus Christ ...

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- **2 Corinthians 5:17** **Therefore** if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- **Romans 8:1** There is **therefore** now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

## S Since Jesus is returning soon ...

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- **Luke 12:40** Be ye **therefore** ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
- **Romans 13:12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us **therefore** cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

## S Since Jesus has forgiven me so much ...

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- **Luke 6:36** Be ye **therefore** merciful, as your Father also is merciful.
- **Romans 14:13** Let us not **therefore** judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

## P Since God hears and answers prayer ...

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- **1 Timothy 2:8** I will **therefore** that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- **Hebrews 4:16** Let us **therefore** come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

## O Since Jesus is taking care of all my needs ...

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- **Matthew 6:34** Take **therefore** no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
- **Luke 12:7** But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not **therefore**: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

## R Since God can bring good out of bad situations ...

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- **2 Timothy 2:3** Thou **therefore** endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly **therefore** will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **Therefore** I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

## T Since billions still need to know about Jesus ...

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- **Matthew 28:19** Go ye **therefore**, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- **Matthew 22:9** Go ye **therefore** into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.