

A Christian Preamble to Your Will

“...You shall be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8b).

With these words Jesus calls us to bear witness to the salvation which He won for all believers through His suffering and death on the cross.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you....” (Acts 1:8a).

And with this promise He enables us to serve as His Witnesses through the Holy Spirit working by way of the Word.

When planning your Will, you can grow so preoccupied with how to distribute your material blessings that you may fail to share your true wealth; the Good News of forgiveness of sin and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

A Christian Preamble to your Will provides a fine opportunity to share your belief with your family and friends. Through the Holy Spirit, this personal statement of your faith will comfort loved ones in their time of loss and encourage them to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully consider a Christian Preamble to your Will or use this as a guide in writing your own preamble.

Sample # 1 Christian Preamble

I, _____, of the City of _____, County of _____, and State of _____, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and being under no restraint, do make, declare and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills and codicils hereto made by me.

First, realizing the uncertainty of this life, I place full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who promised: “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever believeth in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26).

Second, knowing that the wages of sin is death, I believe that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, suffered and died for me, for the forgiveness of all my sins, which I neither deserve nor merit, but receive as a free gift of God, who is rich in grace and mercy.

Third, I urge my heirs not to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but to take hold of the life which is indeed through faith in Jesus Christ.



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Sample # 2 Christian Preamble

In the name of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

First I want my loved ones to know that I place full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who promised: I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26)

Second, knowing that the wages of sin is death, I believe that Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, suffered and died for the forgiveness of all my sins, which I neither deserved nor merit, but I receive it as a free gift of God, who is rich in grace and mercy.

Third, I leave to all of my loved ones the words of our Savior, found in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” I leave those who survive me the comfort of knowing that I have died in this faith and now have joined my Lord in eternal glory.

Fourth, I praise God for giving me a loving, caring Christian helpmate in my wife/husband. She/He has been a blessing to me, and a wonderful mother/father to our children. Knowing that we both share our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we will praise the Lord forever, in Heaven.

Fifth, I pray that the Lord would guard and protect my children. You are very special to me and I thank the Lord for you. Through your baptism you have been received into God’s family and I urge you to remain faithful to Christ until you are called home to be with the Lord. I love you and I look forward to eternity with you in heaven.

Sixth, I pray that the Lord would shower His blessings upon my grandchildren. May the Holy Spirit guide you along the narrow path of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. I urge you to respect your parents and honor them as your parents have honored me.

Seventh, I recognize that all of my earthly possessions are a gift from God. Therefore, I have made provisions in my will to continue my Christian stewardship after I have gone to Heaven to be with the Lord. I trust that what I offer as a gift, will be blessed many times over by the Lord in building His Kingdom.

Eighth, my heirs will receive, through me, gifts from God. May you always remember that everything you have is a trust from God. Be good and wise stewards of His blessings, managing wisely and returning to Him a generous portion for the work in His Kingdom.



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