

A CHRISTIAN PREAMBLE TO YOUR WILL

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 this belief with your family and friends. Through the Holy Spirit, this personal statement of your faith will comfort your loved ones in their time of loss and encourage them, too, to place their trust in Jesus Christ.

Prayerfully consider adding one of these sample Christian Preambles to your Will or use them as a guide in writing your own.

Preamble 1

I, _____, of the City 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 liveth and 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 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 life indeed through faith in Jesus Christ.

Preamble 2

I, _____, of the City 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, I commit myself to God's care, secure in His love for me and trusting in the salvation purchased for me through Christ's suffering and death. I leave those who survive me the comfort of knowing that I have died in this faith and have now joined my Lord in eternal glory. Second, I commend my loved ones to the protecting arm of God, knowing that He will continue to provide for them despite my absence, and I encourage them to place their faith and trust in Him above.