

Being a Real Christian – Walking in the Spirit of Christ

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Most Christians today conform to a set of church teachings which defines their unique denominations, but this is only a subset of the total way of the Lord. They become conformed to external compliance to a standard religious behavior set by their pastor's knowledge and understanding. They are more bound by peer pressure and desperately seek the approval of fellow Christians. The real Christians are sons and daughters of God, they walk in Spirit and Truth, their transformation is real and lasting not counterfeit nor pretentious, when they talk their actions are in line with their body mind and spirit and they are naturally in obedience to God as a way of life.

They do not try to be Christians they are in Christ and Christ dwells in them. These are the real ones who cling to the Rock in times of crisis and stormy weathers; they trust God totally even unto death. God is part of their lives and he becomes an integral part of whatever they do and think.

Mark 7:6-8 (New International Version)

6 He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

7 They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'

8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

The most difficult thing to understand about the Christian living is how sanctification works; how should anyone actually go about living the Christian life? The Law is meant as a restraint, it reveals what Sin is; it accuses the sinner of their sin. So is the Law and Grace of God opposing in nature? No. It is not. As a young Christian, you will need the Law to know what is acceptable or not in the sight of God. Without the acceptance of God no one can lead an overcoming life and they will have no power to restrain Sin. Sin is the demonic suggestions that tempt the person, like what the Serpent did to Eve in the Garden of Eden. The serpent tempts Eve into eating the forbidden fruit of the knowledge of Good and Evil. Sin makes you its slave to obey the lust of the flesh and not the Law of God. Sin caused you to fall short of the Glory of what God wants to see in you.

So God has to send us the helper in times of Grace. The helper is the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus to help us in times of need. Jesus said, to those who asked it shall be given in Luke 11:9 to 13.

Luke 11:9-13 (New International Version)

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

If you need the Holy Spirit, you have to formally ask for this indwelling. God must dwell inside of you for you to have the full power to resist the Devil. The Holy Spirit will show you all truth. But before you can have Jesus and the Father God dwelling inside of you, you have to build your house.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Haggai 1:7-11 (New International Version)

7 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways.

8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD.

9 "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.

10 Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops.

11 I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

What is the meaning of building your house? It means build your spiritual body the house of the living God so that he will dwell in you and do not focus on building your physical house of wealth and earthly things. We are all living stones build in his image and we should conform to his ways and teachings.

In order for us to be over-comers, we need to be tested for our faith and believe. Make no mistakes, God will test everyone because he said, when the storms comes the house which stood on the Rock will be left untouched. Jesus is the Rock. But believing in Jesus Christ alone is not enough, even the devil believed in Christ and they also knows scriptures. So a real Christian needs more than that and what is the thing that they need?

When we accept Christ, we have only gone through justifications. Accepting Jesus Christ only allows us into the narrow gate, but we need to move past that gate into the promise land. This is the first step of Justification in which we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and Christ, our Saviour and that he shed his blood to redeem me from eternal death.

Is this all there is as a Christian, just saying these few words and our live will be good and smooth and blessings will flow through us? No, the next step is Sanctification. When God brought his people out from Egypt, they had to walk through the desert from one place to another until they reached the Jordan. But by that time they reached the Jordan only 2 men of the entire generation at that time managed to cross over. Who are they? They were Caleb and Joshua. And what do they represent in the sight of God? They represent in the case of the name of Caleb, whole-heartedness and faithful, while Joshua represents salvation comes from God, and he is also faithful bold and courageous. Caleb had confident that he can conquer all his enemies by the presence of God in him, while Joshua could command all the people to fight the enemies of Israel and gain victory through listening to God and being obedient, he had faith and action. These are the combined qualities of the true Christian who can enter the promise land.

Sanctification is a deliverance and house building process. During this process, God will send manna from heaven and that represents his word to us. This word is given to us daily and not weekly, God will send us daily food from heaven; his word. If we were to use yesterday's word or keep his word for tomorrow it will turn into maggots and harm us not bless us. The same word applied the next day will not be suitable for us since it is a today's word a now word for us to do today.

Exodus 16:19-20 (New International Version)

19 Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning."

20 However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

Sanctification is freedom from the ritual acts of Sin. Sanctification comes from constant training our spirit, mind and body to the obedience in Christ to gain freedom from Sin. Freedom is gain when we are freed from the bondages of Sin. Whenever we Sin, we are subjected to obey its commands. Sin torments us until we obey its commands and manifest its wishes, once done it gives us some release until it torments us again. Gambling, alcoholism, smoking, sexual immorality, and fear are some examples of this type of Sin that have a hold on your body mind and soul. It is called a habit in human terms but it has its spiritual roots of binding the sinner to its commands.

This Sin gives us temporal release and escape from a world of capitalistic control. The pressure of Mammon (Mammon means God of Money) rules the entire world and everyone becomes its slave. Therefore when we need some peace of mind we run towards one of the above habits to find some form of release, its called escapism from the world of demands.

When the pressures come, we run towards our familiar rituals because it gives us real temporal relief, we suck on our cigarettes to ease our mind, we drink our whiskey to dull our mind to create a state of euphoria and we caress strange women paid by price to gain love and acceptance; all to find some short term release from the demands of a world ruled by merciless Mammon. The more you do the more you will do it, since it gives us a temporary fix. As the Great Lord God has mentioned many times, the wages of Sin is death.

All these Sin have their consequences and its only a matter of time they catches up with the Sinner. Cigarettes, booze, women for sex all will destroy your health, reputation and it puts holes into your pocket because Sin is expensive. That is why the poor can not afford to Sin since they have no extra cash or money.

Sin makes you pay tribute to the 5 kings in the days of Joshua when he entered the promise land. Once we cross the Jordan, we have to fight these 5 kings. Those who supplied the Booze, Cigarettes, Women, drugs are all servants of Satan and Mammon rules them and those who patronize them are slaves to the 5 kings because they took their unclean spiritual food and became a slave to them through Mammon. This is a willing buyer and seller situation sanctioned by our economic wizards of this world who created this system.

Sanctification is thus a deliverance from spiritual bondage it's the application of our spiritual sword to cut and sever the unholy ties to become the slave to Sin and demonic suggestion. Without sanctification, we cannot be acceptable in the sight of God. Everyone who is justified will be sanctified whether they believe it or not; it will take place since they have declared that Jesus is their Lord, so Jesus will chastise everyone he calls son. So if your life is still not right, don't expect to be blessed with a lot of good things, God will not put authority and position on you if you are not trained and qualified for that position. So how long can the process get? As long as you are humble, obedient and trainable it will get faster, but the more you rebel the longer it gets. And God promised that when we seek him diligently, we will find him.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

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