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What is a Christian?

A Christian can be identified by what he believes, how he lives, who his friends are, what gets him excited, what makes him happy, what saddens him, what he hates, what he loves, makes him angry, what he talks about, what he says and doesn't say, who he's for and against, how he votes, and how he is very different from the world.

Christians are also unique by what they **know**. They know that they are sinners saved by 'Grace'.

They know that they are personally forgiven by the Lord. They know that no church saves, but that it is a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ - the only Saviour, Lord, Redeemer, Creator, and coming "Lord of lords and King of kings" (Revelation 17:14, 19:16)! They know that only Christians go to heaven, because the Lord Jesus Christ said, 'I am the way, thy truth, and the life', and the word 'the' means the one and only way and eliminates all other 'ways'; and because Jesus said that, they know all other 'religions' and 'faiths' are wrong. Christianity is really a **choice** - to believe what Jesus said, or to believe what other people say or what they personally believe.

Christians are those who believe, obey and defend all that Jesus Christ taught and said!

Biblical Counseling

"Believers are transformed by paying attention to all that Christ is and comprehending the majesty of His person, perfection, and present glory as the risen Lord, who is 'before all things, and by Him all things consist' (Colossians 1:7). Therefore, instead of giving primary attention to self and circumstances - where they may be stuck - believers need to turn their attention to Christ. This is the way of holiness, sanctification, and ongoing spiritual growth."

- Martin & Deidre Bobgan,
'Christ-centered Ministry or
Problem-Centered Counseling?'

He Knew Enough

"One says of Adam, that he knew a great deal; but it was a pity that he did not know one thing more, namely, that he knew enough!

For had he known that he knew enough, he would not have eaten of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil."

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A Job Reference

"A Young man applied for a job bringing with him glowing references from his pastor and several leaders from his church.

The prospective employer nodded with pleasure at the written statements, but said, 'These are very nice, but could you get one from somebody who knows you on weekdays?'

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"Noah's Carpenters were building an Ark for others, while they themselves were not saved by it."

"Many in the old world knew there was an ark, but were drowned because they did not get into it."



Noah's Ark & Noah's Faith.
"Noah's faith led him into the ark, and the ark, not his faith, saved him. Christ is the Ark in which we flee for our Salvation."

"Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved ..."

- 1 Peter 3:20

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

MAY 3rd, 41st CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Quotes

"Zeal without knowledge, is like a blind man running on a narrow plank."

"The joy of Christianity is an exorcist to the mind; it expels the demons of carnal mirth and madness."

"CRITICISM is like flies that pass over a man's good parts to land and feed only on his sores."

I would rather have *truth in hate* than *lies in love* ... but I strive for truth in love.

"MEMORY is what tells a man his wedding anniversary was yesterday."

"Everyone's got a plan until you get punched in the mouth!" (boxer, Mike Tyson)

"Marriage is ... the bedrock of the human society. Anything which corrupts marriage and the home is a direct threat to society as a whole." (copied)

WORK

versus PLEASURE

"(to) Distinguish work from pleasure. PLEASURE is the expending of energy *without any end or purpose* except the sensations (feelings) caused by the act of waste (*wasted time and energy*) ...

whereby pleasure has been defined as 'dissipating' (*'wasting or squandering'*) enjoyments;'

WORK is energy expended *for a purpose*. Work is action to get a return for the energy so spent, both to recuperate and increase the power thus employed.

PLEASURE seeks nothing except the sensation (*feeling*); WORK demands a recompense. God promises to *work*, its recompense (*wage or payment*)."

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Collapse of Marriage

"The collapse of marriage among the uneducated and partially educated has unquestionably been a social and economic disaster.

The data are over-whelming that children raised by married parents are happier, healthier, do better in school, and are more likely to attend and finish college than their peers from single-parent homes.

In fact, being raised by a single mother is a better predictor of poverty than race or ancestry."

- Mona Charen

(this article is not meant to make single mothers feel guilty or discourage them, many do manage even under this difficult circumstance, but to illustrate the importance and difference of living your life according to the commandments of the Bible.)

"O dear mothers, you have a very sacred trust reposed in you by God! He hath in effect said to you, 'Take this child and nurse it for Me, and I will give thee thy wages.' You are called to equip the future man of God, that he may be thoroughly furnished unto every good work ... have the sweet reflection in your heart that the quiet teachings of the nursery led the man to love his God and serve Him. Those who think that a woman detained at home by her little family is doing nothing, think the reverse of what is true. Mothers, the godly training of your offspring is your first and most pressing duty." (copied)



"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour:"
- 1 Thessalonians 4:4



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

"Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." - Psalm 25:8,9

The Risen LORD

"It is striking to notice that the title of *The Lord Jesus Christ* never appears before the ascension, and that it occurs some 81 times afterwards. There is a tendency today to declare the Saviour's death on the cross for sinners and that alone! While the essential basis of the true gospel appeal must ever be "*Christ crucified*," it must never leave the hearers with a crucified Christ. The plain fact is that Christ on the Cross can save nobody.

The atoning sacrifice of Calvary and the shedding of His precious blood is the foundation of our salvation. But it is a **RISEN LORD** and that alone which saves.

The New Testament message includes, by presupposition, that Calvary opened up a way whereby a holy God could justify a hell-deserving sinner.

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Romans 3:24."

- James A. Stewart, "The Lordship of Christ"

EGOTISM

"Egotism is one of the repulsive manifestations of pride. It is the practice of thinking and speaking much of oneself, the habit of magnifying one's attainments or importance. It leads one to consider everything in its relation to themselves rather than in relation to God and the welfare of His people."

- J. Oswald Sanders, "Spiritual Leadership"

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, ... made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant ..."

Philippians 2:4,5,7



May 2020

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Studies 7:00 p.m.



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THIS & THAT

From HERE & THERE

"Sesame Street"

"Sesame Street is promoting LGBT ... inviting drag queen Billy Porter on to teach kids the value (?) of gender confusion ... making it the best case for de-funding PBS yet."

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COVID-19 & ABORTION

"For every person who dies of the Coronavirus, one-hundred and eighty five babies are killed by abortion."

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"Fear of the Lord"

"... a phrase of the Old Testament, means piety, reverential trust, with hatred of evil."

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How Many?

"Over 100 million copies of the Bible are sold each year."

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Rock Music & Drugs

"It's no easier to stop using drugs, than it is to stop listening to rock music."

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(They're both harmfully addictive!)

Biologists

"Most biologists believe that life begins at conception."

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**The BIBLE is
a Lie Detector
and a
Truth Detector**

"I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the LORD." - Psalm:118:17

A fair assurance this! It was no doubt based upon a promise, inwardly whispered in the Psalmist's heart, which he seized upon and enjoyed. Is my case like that of David? Am I depressed because the enemy exults over me? Are there multitudes against me, and few on my side? Does unbelief bid me lie down and die in despair—a defeated, dishonored man?

Do my enemies begin to dig my grave? What then, Shall I yield to the whisper of fear, and give up the battle, and with it give up all hope? Far from it! There is life in me yet: "I shall not die." Vigor will return and remove my weakness: "I will live."

The Lord lives, and I shall live also. My mouth shall again be opened: 'I shall declare the works of Jehovah.' Yes, and I shall speak of the present trouble as another instance of the wonder-working faithfulness and love of the Lord my God. Those who would gladly measure me for my coffin had better wait a bit; for "the Lord hath chastened me sore, but he hath not given me over unto death." Glory be to His name forever!

I am immortal till my work is done. Till the Lord wills it no vault can close upon me." —Charles Spurgeon

Christian Man/Worldly Man

"When a 'Christian' man constantly acts like a worldly man, can it be possible that he is acting rightly? When the two actions are precisely the same, and you discern no difference, is there not grave cause to suspect that there is no difference? for by the fruit must you know the tree, and if two trees bear precisely the same fruit, is there not cause to suspect that they are the same sort of trees?"

I am sure, if you are a child of God, you cannot be happy in the world; you cannot be content while leaving Christ, but you are in a miserable way.

Grace has spoiled you for the world, and it is of no use your attempting to get comfort out of it. Your only hope of happiness lies Godward." - copied

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"Who can find a Virtuous Woman?"

Proverbs 31:10



The Great White Throne Judgment

The message of TGWTJ is that God is a holy lawgiver and Judge and He will not overlook man's sin against His law. The only salvation from God's wrath is in the atonement that Christ made on the cross. There is no other Saviour and no other way of salvation. There is no opportunity for salvation following death. Man must flee to Christ for salvation in this present life or be forever doomed.

"Now is the time acceptable. Now a gracious Saviour waits to catch the first breath of repentance, and He answers the feeblest cry of faith. Trifle not with His mercy and hope not for some vague second chance, but close with Christ now, and know for a certainty that you will have no part in the doom pronounced at the Great White Throne.

The Lord Himself has said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life' (John 5:24)."

- Harry Ironside (1876-1951)