How Do You Know You Are A Christian?

Tony Mauck · 1 John 2:28–29

INTRODUCTION

- How do you know you are a Christian? That's a question you need to be able to answer.
- So we don't have one example of someone being saved in this manner. Not even any instruction that tells someone to pray in order to be saved.
- If you abide in my word, then you are disciples of mine. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

1 Jesus Modeled Submission to the Father

Matthew 7:21; John 5:30; 2 Corinthians 13:5

- Jesus shows us the way to be pleasing to the Father. Jesus modeled submission to the Father.
- Not everyone who says unto me, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven. But he who does the will of my Father.
- We want to establish what is right on our own initiative. We want to make the decisions. We want to make the rules. We want to do things our way. That's not what Jesus did.
- Test yourselves. To see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves.
- If we're going to have confidence in the Lord, we're going to have to live what he lived. And what he modeled was submission to the Father.

2 Transformation Is Limited Evidence

Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5

- Transformation is essential. But it is not all the evidence that shows that I'm a Christian. It is limited evidence.
- Repent. And be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Interesting, they were not told to pray.
- The washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
- There's no true conversion to the Lord without changing, without turning to the will of God to find shape and direction for my thinking and life.
- But people change. Because of a lot of different things. People have been changed by a lot of messages that don't involve soul saving truth.

3 Assurance Issues From Knowledge

1 John 5:13–14; 1 John 2:21–27

- Transformation alone does not necessarily indicate that one is right with God.
- Assurance issues from our knowledge of what God has said. The truth that sets us free.

- These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.
- If what someone is telling you is not consistent with what you know to be truth, you need to reject that. No lie is of the truth.
- As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning.
- The one who keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in him.

4 Salvation Is in Him

2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 3:27; Colossians 2:12

- Salvation is in him. And if you are not in the sphere of this, outside, is darkness, deception, and death.
- If any man is in Christ, all things have become new. Old things have passed away, new things have come.
- For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were raised up with him through faith in the working of God.
- And so when I did that, you know what I knew? I knew I was saved from my sins.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready for the day? You in Christ and Christ in you.

MY NOTES