

It's "Based ON" not only "Because Of"

Other religions who claim to worship God, worship HIM their way so they worship "Because of Him" but not "Based on HIM" - Matt 15:7-9 - 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 8 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 **THEY WORSHIP ME IN VAIN**; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

The outcome of the "because of" is disastrous - Matt 7:22-23 - 22 **Many will say to me on that day,** 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, '**I NEVER KNEW YOU. AWAY FROM ME, YOU EVILDOERS!**'

To be a Christian means your life purpose changes - Gal 6:7-8 - 7 **Do not be deceived:** God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

A true Christian finds out and does what Jesus says –

If HE's our Lord he's our master - Luke 6:46- "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

If we are Christian we WILL DO what HE says - John 14:15-24 - 15 "**IF you love me, you will obey what I command.** 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 **Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me.** He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." 22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" 23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

How we got here is by man depending on man concerning Godly things - Rom 1:18-25 - 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their **thinking became futile** and **their foolish hearts were darkened.** 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 **THEREFORE God gave them over** in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen.

How to make sure you are a "Based on" Christian

Stop trying to find the desirable way and take the right way - Matt 7:13-14 - 13 "**Enter through the narrow gate.** For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Have a true fruitful relationship with Christ - John 15:1-4 - "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 **REMAIN IN ME, AND I WILL REMAIN IN YOU.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Keep checking you to make sure you are living in obedience to God - 1 John 5:3-5 - 3 **This is love for God:** to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, 4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

God's Word protects us when we completely live by them - 1 Cor 15:2 - By this gospel you are saved, **IF YOU HOLD FIRMLY TO THE WORD I PREACHED TO YOU.** Otherwise, you have believed in vain.