

How Do I Know I Am a Christian

We should be aware, that there are those that will THINK they are Christian and find out they are not when it is too late - Matt 7:21-25 - 21 **"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** 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!' 24 **"Therefore everyone who HEARS THESE WORDS OF MINE and PUTS THEM INTO PRACTICE is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

Humans have identifiers, called Fruit, to tell whether we are Christian or not. Fruit is divinely set so you CAN'T have both - Matt 7:15-20 - 15 **"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.** 16 **By their fruit you will recognize them.** Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise **every good tree bears good fruit,** but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 **A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.** 19 **Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.** 20 Thus, **by their fruit you will recognize them.** (Gal 5:19-26)

Whatever describes our life-purpose will describe what we are and where we are going - Rom 2:6-9 - 6 **God "will give to each person according to what he has done."** 7 To those who **by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, HE WILL give eternal life.** 8 But for those who **are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there WILL BE wrath and anger.**

***Make no mistake, WORKS will not get us into Heaven, however, "works" for a Christian defines if we are Christian. Works do not provide the path to righteousness; it provides the evidence that we are righteous.**

Only those that Obey Christ's commands are Christians- 1 John 2:3-6 - 3 **We know that we have come to know him IF we obey his commands.** 4 The man **who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar,** and the truth is not in him. 5 But if anyone obeys his word, **God's love is truly made complete in him. THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE ARE IN HIM: 6 WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LIVE IN HIM MUST WALK AS JESUS DID.** (John 14:31)

Doing what is right identifies us as a Christian- 1 John 3:10 **This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are:** Anyone who **DOES NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.**

Loving (action) ALL others in Christ - 1 John 4:20-21 - 20 **If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, HE IS A LIAR.** For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, **cannot love God,** whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: **Whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

Looking out for those in need and displaying True Godly love, defines our Christianity - 1 John 3:16-20 - 16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 **If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?** 18 Dear children, **LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.** 19 **This then is how we know that we belong to the truth,** and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence 20 whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Our lifestyle will define what we are - 1 John 1:6-7 - 6 **If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, WE LIE AND DO NOT LIVE BY THE TRUTH.** 7 But if we **walk in the light, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT,** we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Our relationship with the world will define our relationship with God - 1 John 2:15 **Do not love the world or anything in the world.** If anyone loves the world, **THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.**

Here is our part in making sure we have TRULY accepted Christ

God provides us with all we need to be Christian, along with instructions on how to be Christian

2 Peter 1:3-11 (Please Read)

...10 Therefore, my brothers, **be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.** For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and **you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

We must deny self and totally follow God - Matt 16:24-26 - 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, **"If anyone would come after me, HE MUST deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** 25 For **whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.** 26 What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?

Make sure you are %100 Biblically led - Titus 1:15-16 - 15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Faith is what we MUST live by - Heb 10:37-39 - 37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him." 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

We MUST make our entire life-purpose Christ - 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**.