

Make Your Calling and Election Sure

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THINK on THIS;

Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure:**

(2 Pet. 1:10)

Enter ye in at the strait gate: **for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:** Because strait is the gate, and **narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

(Matt. 7:13,14)

Pay Close Attention to What the Cultural Research Center

(Arizona Christian University) said in the American Worldview Inventory (2020).

The study goes on to say;

- * 70% of Americans state they are Christians.
- * 75% of Americans believe they are good and probably going to Heaven.
- * 58% of Americans reject the idea of Absolute Truth.
- * 40% of Americans say they are Born-Again.
- * But only 6% say they have a Biblical World View.
- * And for Adults between the ages of (18-29) that drops to 2%.

For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**

For **they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**

For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**

(Rom. 10:2-4)

THE PROBLEM (Hosea 4:6)

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. (Hosea 4:6)

As a missionary Bible Teacher to many different Cultures and Countries, I find this to be the most important verse in the Bible and the saddest. It's sad enough to see that most people throughout History are in Hell, but to see people in Hell who went to a so called Christian Church saddens me the most.

Another thing that absolutely breaks my heart is to see innocent people in Hell who were not bad here on Earth but lived a difficult life because they didn't have the power to defend themselves against evil powerful men. Personally, this is probably what breaks my heart the most. Everything I have said is True. The Bible gives testimony of this, and people who died and went to Hell also testify of this. Mercifully, the Lord gave them another change and brought them back to Earth. In my web-page; cristoviveparasiempre.com - I have tried to cover everything a person needs to get saved including all testimonies about Hell. (Especially in studies 1-5).

God Requires Us To Know Something, to know His WORD

All of God's children are wise and know His TRUTH (His WORD). God commands us to grow in His Word (Jesus Christ).

And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that **the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth**. (1 Kings 17:24)

But **grow in grace**, and **in the knowledge of our Lord** and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Pet. 3:18)

Take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

The WORD of God is a spiritual sword that destroys our enemies (world, flesh, devil). Another powerful weapon God has given His children is the name of JESUS.

And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**: (Eph. 6:17)

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble**. (Jam. 2:19)

Jesus Defeated the Devil with the Sword of the Spirit

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. (Matt. 4:1-3)

But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

And (*Devil*) saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Matt. 4:6)

Notice the devil also knows the Word of God; but his goal is to deceive you away from God. (Acts 19:13-16) when the 7 sons of Sceva (Fake Christian Jews) tried to use the name of Jesus on demon possessed people. The demons spoke back and said;

And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. (v. 15,16)

Jesus said unto him, **It is written again**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. (Matt. 4:7)

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: **for it is written**, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. (Matt. 4:10)

Jesus Christ Does Not Play Church Like Most People Play Church

*When God the Father had to Crucify His Only Son (JESUS) to pay for our sin; Well, that should speak **Loud to us**. Sin cannot exist in the presence of God, and we all sin every day. It is through the Cross (Mercy of God) that we can live with God in Heaven forever and ever. Jesus was always God, but as God He could not save anyone without the Cross! Paul said;*

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. **He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.** (Col. 1:19,20) NLT

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save **Jesus Christ**, and **him crucified**. (1 Cor. 2:2)

But God forbid that I should glory, save **in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom **the world is crucified unto me**, and **I unto the world**. (Gal. 6:14)

What Does it Really Mean to be a Follower (Disciple) of Christ?

Does it mean to go to a Church 1 to 3 times a week?

Does it mean you must belong to a particular Denomination or organization?

Does it mean to give money and do all sorts of good works?

Does it mean you have to take the Eucharist?

Does it mean to scream and yell “I’m saved and throw an emotional fit”?

Does it mean to kiss the Popes hand and light candles to saints?

Does it mean to pray to Mary and the Saints?

Does it mean to get prayer from some famous evangelist, pastor, pope etc....?

No, No, No, No... absolutely Noooooo.

It Means You Now Belong to Jesus and you Worship and Obey Him and Him Alone

People today use the word Christian very loosely. It’s in style to say your a Christian

because it symbolizes your good. It’s also very stylish to wear a Cross around your neck.

After all, it’s popular to say I belong to God and I’m going to Heaven when I die. Add to

this all the false Churches teaching that everyone goes to heaven not to worry... : As you

can clearly see “the Truth is very difficult to find.” As I stated before, I have tried to

clearly explain what it means to be Saved, Born Again, and belong to Jesus on my web-

page, especially in Studies 1-5: I will close out this very important eternal topic with a

few more scriptures for our understanding. May God Bless you and see you in Heaven!

I Count All Things Loss for the Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord

But what things were gain to me, those **I counted loss for Christ**. Yea doubtless, and

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my

Lord: for whom **I have suffered the loss of all things**, and **do count them but dung**,

that I may win Christ, And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness**,

which is of the law, but that which is **through the faith of Christ, the righteousness**

which is of God by faith: That **I may know him**, and **the power of his resurrection**,

and **the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death; If by

any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Phil. 3:7-11)

We must give up everything in our lives in order to know Jesus Christ personally.

*Everything else the Bible calls **Dung!***

And **I will bring distress upon men**, that **they shall walk like blind men**, **because they**

have sinned against the LORD: and **their blood shall be poured out as dust**, and **their**

flesh as the dung. (Zeph. 1:17)

Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and **spread dung upon your faces**, **even the dung**

of your solemn feasts; and **one shall take you away with it**. (Mal. 2:3)

I Am Crucified with Christ

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)

And when he had called the people unto him **with his disciples also**, he said unto them, **Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.** For **whosoever will save his life shall lose it**; but **whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.** For what shall it profit a man, if **he shall gain the whole world**, and **lose his own soul**? Or **what shall a man give in exchange for his soul**? **Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**

(Mark 8:34-38)

How Do I Get to Know Jesus Personally?

The only way to get to know Jesus personally is through His Word and His Spirit. Jesus is the Living Word of God. Jesus is the Incarnate Word of GOD. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God comes to live inside you “when you are Born Again.” The Holy Spirit wrote the Holy Word of God through men who were specially appointed of God. Without the Holy Spirit inside you cannot understand the Word of God correctly.

But **he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit**. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? **know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own**? **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

(1 Cor. 6:17-20)

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** (John 3:5,6)

But **ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.** (Rom. 8:9)

Jesus, the Incarnate Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

(John 1:1-5)

And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.** John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, **This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.** And **of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.** (John 1:14-16)

So; We Are Being Transformed unto Jesus by His WORD and His SPIRIT

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may **prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.** (Rom. 12:1,2)

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But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,** just as from the Lord, **the Spirit.** (2 Cor. 3:18) NASB