# 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: <u>for wide is the gate</u>, and <u>broad is the way</u>, <u>that leadeth</u> <u>to destruction</u>, and <u>many there be which go in thereat</u>: Because strait is the gate, and <u>narrow is the way</u>, <u>which leadeth unto life</u>, and <u>few there be that find it</u>.

(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 <u>they have a zeal of God</u>, <u>but not according to knowledge</u>. For <u>they being ignorant of God's righteousness</u>, <u>and going about to establish their own righteousness</u>, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For <u>Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth</u>.

(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 <u>important verse</u> in the <u>Bible</u> and <u>the saddest</u>. 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 <u>TRUTH</u> (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)

## LISTEN, TRUST, and OBEY is the Formula

This is the formula for realizing that you are Right with God. Make sure you understand; Listen to God means you <u>pay attention and understand</u> what He is telling you; Trust God means <u>you trust Him to guide you and tell you the Truth about all things</u>, you totally <u>confide in Him</u>; Obey means <u>you follow His instructions</u> (His Word) <u>every day of your life</u>.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: **a good understanding have all they that do his commandments**: his praise endureth for ever. (Psa. 111:10)

<u>Make me to understand the way of thy precepts</u>: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. (Psa. 119:27)

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. (Psa. 119:34)

<u>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart</u>; <u>and lean not unto thine own understanding</u>. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (Prov. 3:5-7)

Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day. (Deut. 27:10)

That <u>thou mayest love the LORD thy God</u>, and that <u>thou mayest obey his voice</u>, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days:

(Deut. 30:20)

#### 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 <u>Loud to us</u>. 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!

## 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 webpage, 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 <u>I counted loss for Christ</u>. Yea doubtless, and <u>I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord</u>: for whom <u>I have suffered the loss of all things</u>, and <u>do count them but dung</u>, <u>that I may win Christ</u>, And be found in him, <u>not having mine own righteousness</u>, <u>which is of the law</u>, but that which is <u>through the faith of Christ</u>, <u>the righteousness</u> <u>which is of God by faith</u>: That <u>I may know him</u>, and <u>the power of his resurrection</u>, and <u>the fellowship of his sufferings</u>, 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 <u>Dung</u>!

And <u>I will bring distress upon men</u>, that <u>they shall walk like blind men</u>, <u>because they have sinned against the LORD</u>: and <u>their blood shall be poured out as dust</u>, and <u>their flesh as the dung</u>. (Zeph. 1:17)

Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and <u>spread dung upon your faces</u>, <u>even the dung</u> <u>of your solemn feasts</u>; and <u>one shall take you away with it</u>. (Mal. 2:3)

# I Am Crucified with Christ

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

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

(Mark 8:34-38)

#### How Do I Get to Know Jesus Personally?

The only way to get to know Jesus personally is through <u>His Word</u> and <u>His Spirit</u>. 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 "<u>when you are Born Again</u>." 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 <u>he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit</u>. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? <u>know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God</u>, and <u>ye are not your own</u>? <u>For ye are bought with a price</u>: therefore <u>glorify God in your body</u>, and <u>in your spirit</u>, <u>which are God's</u>.

(1 Cor. 6:17-20)

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

But <u>ye are not in the flesh</u>, <u>but in the Spirit</u>, <u>if so be that the Spirit of God dwell</u> <u>in you</u>. Now <u>if any man have not the Spirit of Christ</u>, <u>he is none of his</u>. (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 <u>the Word was made flesh</u>, <u>and dwelt among us</u>, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) <u>full of grace and truth</u>. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, <u>This was he of whom I spake</u>, <u>He that cometh after me is preferred before me</u>: <u>for he was before me</u>. And <u>of his fulness have all we received</u>, <u>and grace for grace</u>. (John 1:14-16)