



# True Christianity

## Introduction

Good day and welcome to tonight's message about true Christianity.

Many of us confess to be Christians but we do not see the promises in the Word come true in our lives, why does it seem like God answers some people's prayers and why do I not have the confidence to pray for things to happen in my life.

You have tried and you have prayed but you do not see the breakthrough in your life. You are sincerer about being a Christian, but you do not see the power of it in your life.

So, today I want to teach you what a Christian really is according to scripture and not your or any person's opinion.

We serve a supernatural God and when you serve Him and when you are His child you are empowered to live the supernatural life a life that is above the natural and I will teach on this at another time but as God children we have been called to live above the natural in the supernatural and this life can only be lived through faith in God and faith in His Word and then living His Word out in your life, like **James 1:22** says *"**22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

When you get serious about God, and you do what the Word says and do not do what it does not say, God will get serious with you.

God is waiting for you. God wants you to be reconciled to Himself through Jesus Christ and then He wants you live the Supernatural life that is found Jesus Christ paid the price for you to live and He wants you to wilfully and purposely deal radically with sin and your flesh.

Remember everything you do as a Christian MUST be done in FAITH **Romans 14:23<sup>b</sup>**  
*"for whatever is not from faith is sin."*

## What is a Christian

So, you might be asking, okay Pastor what is a Christian? And I am so glad you asked, let's turn to **2 Corinthians 5:17-19** *"**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **19** that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."*

## In Christ

The first characteristic of a Christian is that you are IN CHRIST, how do you become in Christ? You receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you accept and believe that His death on the Cross and resurrection from the dead as full payment for your sin.



It is called the Divine exchange you give God all of you, your broken life of sin and separation from God and you take Jesus Christ death on the Cross of Calvary as the payment for your sin, you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, Saviour from what? From the eternal fires of Hell.

**Romans 3:23-26** says it like this " *<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, <sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*"

You realise that you are a sinner and you have fallen short of the Glory of God and your received Jesus Christ redemptive work on the Cross of Calvary for yourself, we must each choose Yes I accept His redemptive work for myself or No, I do not accept His redemptive work for myself or I think I will do it when I am older, I really want to but I am so young, I will do it when I am older.

You either say Yes, I receive Jesus Christ redemptive work on the Cross for my sin or anything else is a NO I do not accept Jesus Christ's redemptive work.

Redemption means that Jesus Christ paid a price for sin, your sin, my sin, the sin of the entire world but redemption can only be received when you put your faith in Jesus Christ death and Resurrect on the Cross of Calvary for yourself.

## New Creation

Getting back to **2 Corinthians 5:17**, if anyone is in Christ, they have received the redemptive work of Jesus Christ at Calvary for themselves, when you do that you are a new creation or you become that new creation or new type of person, you become a Christian a Christ follower.

You see going to church does not make you a Christian because with that analogy if you slept in a garage you would wake up one day being a car.

That is crazy so why do we think that going to church or being good or reading our Bible or anything else will change our eternal address but accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour who redeemed us from our sin, He literally paid the full price your sin deserved on the Cross of Calvary, He died for you!

When you receive this truth for yourself in faith and start to walk in this New Creation life you change from a normal person into a Christian, or a Jesus Christ follower.

## The Old is gone

When you received Jesus Christ and become that New Creation your old life is gone, where has it gone, it has been paid, washed clean by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ at the Cross of Calvary and you are now, according to **Colossians 3:3** " *<sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God*"



Your life is hidden in Jesus Christ, you have become one with God and you have become the New Man the Bible talks about, you have God living with in you and you in Him because you have become reconciled with God through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

You old life does not matter anymore, stop dwelling on your old life of sin, Jesus Christ through the death and resurrection has washed you whiter than snow and now there is not reason for God to be angry with you anymore because He has already punished Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary for sin, the sin of the entire human race.

## God did this

And this was God plan all along since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, He promised that one of the seed of the woman would come and destroy the serpent or Satan, and that is exactly what happened at the Cross of Calvary because after Jesus Christ died on He died and went to hell and took back the keys of death and hades from Satan.

Now the power of the Law is sin, the Law which made us aware of sin, the Law show us that we are sinned. And the power of sin is death or separation from God.

Remember death always means separation, when you died you are separated from your loved one and are judged. If you died without accepting Jesus Christ, you will be separated from God in a place called Hell. At the second death you will be eternally separated from the presence of God in the Lake of Fire.

This power of Sin was destroyed because Jesus Christ paid the full price that the Law required for sin by dying in your an my place for our sin and therefore He defeated death and hell as well because without the Law there is no sin and without sin there is no death or separation from God and through His Death we have been saved from Hell.

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57** *"<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

## Reconciliation

All this was God plan since the foundation of the world, that man would sin and be eternally separated from God because God is so Holy that no sin can enter His presence. And because God so love you and me, the work. He Gave us His Only Son, Jesus Christ, that who ever accept Him, will have eternal life – **John 3:16**.

The plan of God was to reconcile you and I to Himself through Jesus Christs death and resurrection to deal once and for all time with the issue of our sin.

Jesus Christ paid that price our sin deserved on Calvary, all we need to do is receive it for ourselves and when we do that we move from being a normal person on our way to a Christless eternity in Hell to a Blood bought saint of God who will spend eternity with Him in a place called Heaven.

You need to choose, not choosing is as good as rejecting God and you will spend the rest of eternity in Hell and then the Lake of Fire to pay the price for your sin, or you can chose to be reconciled through Jesus Christ's Death as full payment for your sin debt and you will spend the rest of eternity, some in Heaven with God and some on the new earth god will create.



However, once you have become this NEW CREATION and you have been reconciled through Jesus Christ's Death and Resurrection, your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, never to be blotted out.

Once this happens God want you to become a minister for Him but telling other people about what Jesus Christ did for you and them and to bring them to a point of reconciliation with Jesus Christ by just as you did, by becoming that New Creation by receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour and receiving the forgiveness of your sin debt.

## Conclusion

As I close this message today, I have shared with you that Christianity has nothing to do with your works, it has nothing to do about living right or going to church or reading your Bible or anything else, in fact **Isaiah 64:6** *"And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;"*

Our best works are not acceptable to God because they reject to only WAY to God, which according to **John 14:6**, is Jesus Christ – *"I AM the WAY the Truth and the Life and no one comes to the Father but through me."*

There is NO OTHER WAY to GOD but through being reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

My question today is, are you a NEW CREATION, are you born again, have you received Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour and are you living that new life that He called you to live or are you still living your old life with all your old sins?

Only you can answer this question, only you and God know if you are really saved because only you and God know what you do behind closed doors, the real you.

If you died right now, will you enter Heaven or will you end up in Hell because you were too proud to receive Jesus Christ.

Forget about yourself, forget who you are and what others think of you, you could be a pastor, church leader but that will mean mothering if you die and go into a Christless eternity, you need to choose between Jesus Christ and your life of sin.

One day each of us will die, the Bible says in **Hebrews 9:27** *"<sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,"*

What will you say when you are face to face with God? What will your judgement be, will your name be found in the Lambs Book of Life?

If you said no to any of these questions then I have good news for you, you can make sure today. If you want to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour right now, I want you to raise your hand and say Yes, I want to be reconciled to God, I want to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, as the full payment for my sin and become that New Creation that 2 Corinthians 5:17 talks about.

## Let's pray

Sinners' prayer!