

Urgent

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An Extremely Urgent Call To All Christians

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Christians need to heed this urgent warning and desire **all of Christ**, and not just settle for some small morsel that someone has fed them which purports to represent Jesus Christ.

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A Part Of Jesus?

Jesus Christ can not be divided or separated, any more than you can take a part of your body and remove it, and expect that separated part to exactly represent the whole body. A toe can not tell you what a person is thinking, nor can an eye, once it's been removed and separated from the body, tell you about the character of the individual. The body must be complete and whole, and viewed as one functioning being, for an accurate representation of that person to be known. **It is the same with Christ.** One can not know Him by looking at a few parts of Him, but we rather need to be *immersed in Christ*, which only comes by spending time seeking Him—where we hunger and desire to learn of His Ways.

The problem that we face today is that there are so many fragmented ideas, teachings, and people trying to tell us who Christ truly is. False, incorrect teachings abound about Jesus Christ. He simply desires us to seek Him and abide with Him, being so infused with *His Truth* that we have a childlike, trusting faith in Him.

We need to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” in His entirety (*see Acts 16:31*), and not just believe in a portion of who Christ is. We can not receive Him as Savior if we are not willing to truly make Him our Lord. We can not pick and choose the pieces of Christ or His love that we want to accept, and then reject the rest. Jesus Christ is an all or nothing proposition. “Is Christ divided?...” 1 Corinthians 1:13.

His offer of Salvation is a perfect example of His Love, but for a person to teach or believe that the concept of “accepting Christ” is all that is required or necessary for someone to be “saved” is really doing Christ a disservice. That would be like saying that Jesus is only a Savior, and nothing more, denying His Lordship.

A person must be obedient to his Lord, and serve Him with all of his heart, and must flee sin and be truthful. If a person is only taught to “receive or accept Jesus Christ” (as Savior), without the obedient requirements of also taking Him as their Lord, then only a part of Christ has truly been presented. How can one believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, if they are ignorant of, or refuse, His requirements for being their Lord? A Savior, without a Lord requiring obedience, is a false and incomplete presentation of Christ. Here is a truth: Salvation apart from obedience is unknown in Scripture. We are called “...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, **unto obedience** and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: ...” 1 Peter 1:2. Just accepting Jesus as your Savior and Lord is not enough, rather we must obey and honor Him as our Lord, “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.**” Matthew 7:20-21. We must continually strive to know and honor the complete Christ.

Jesus Christ warned the world that there would be a day coming when people would falsely claim to be Him or to represent Him:

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” Matthew 24:4-14.

“Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” Matthew 24:23-24.

We must test everyone and everything by their fruit, and compare that with the Word Of God made flesh, which is Jesus Christ. Jesus clearly said, “**Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**” Matthew 7:20. We are not saved by our works, but rather our works are the fruit or evidence of our faith and belief in Christ.

Note that Peter had much to say about the requirement for obedience, which is evidenced by our Christian love. There is so much truth to be gleaned from 1 Peter chapter 1. Please read verses 13 to 23 to clarify this:

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **As obedient children**, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy**. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man’s work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot**: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently*: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

Jesus commanded us to be wise and do all His sayings, “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:” Matthew 7:24.

Apart From Jesus

John 15 is a powerful chapter in the Bible. Here we learn many truths, including that apart from Christ we are nothing. “I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**” John 15:5. Jesus is looking for true disciples to follow Him.

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.” John 15:7-10.

With Christ, we can do all things. “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13, but apart from Him we can do nothing, and are like a withering vine that loses its fruit prematurely.

Jesus Is Lord, And Christ, And Savior

You can not separate Jesus to be only a part of *who He actually is*. He is either whole or diminished in your life. You can not have all of Jesus without having His requirements also. Some may view Jesus as Someone they run to when they need something, but they likely forget *His requirements* go along with *His benefits*. Of course, we are not to forget all the wonderful benefits that are the true Christian's through Jesus Christ.

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalm 103:2-5.

We must remember that these wonderful benefits come with conditions in order for us to be entitled to them.

We should hunger and thirst after God, and serve Him *only*, as He will not tolerate other gods before Him. We should put off all things of *self*, all *sins*, and renounce all *other things* which are not pleasing to God.

Jesus is **the way, the truth, and the life**, and no one may come to the Father, but by Him. *See John 14:6.*

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37-40.

Jesus is looking for *disciples* who He wants to call friends, who are not *fair weather friends*, but *true friends*, who love and trust Him for who He is, and not just for what He can do for them. He is looking for *disciples* that desire to *take up their cross* and follow Him, without wavering in their belief, faith and trust in Him.

We must seek the whole Jesus — Savior (Jesus), Sovereign (Lord), and Anointed One (Christ) — and not just one part of who He is. We must desire to know and love Him, and seek Him continually without ceasing.

“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**” Romans 10:8-9.

We must be prepared to **always confess the Lord Jesus with our mouth**, and we must believe in our hearts, without wavering, that God raised Jesus from the dead. We confess Jesus as Lord by keeping His commands. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15. God responds to the relationship we have with Jesus.

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” John 14:21.

When we can truly deny ourselves of *things*, then we will be able to partake of the glorious riches in Christ. *See Ephesians 1:3-23* for more details. In the fullness of Christ, there are so many promises and blessings. How can we have a full relationship with Him who we only know in part? For more help in developing a relationship with God through Christ, read both *Daily Discovering God* and the *Revived Pursuit Of God*.