

What is a Christian?



Common Ideas

There is much confusion today about what being Christian really means.

Common ideas include:

Being a church member

Being very religious

Doing good deeds

Helping the poor

Fighting injustices

Believing the Bible

Following the "Golden Rule"

Keeping the "Ten Commandments"

etc etc etc

What did Jesus say?

Jesus told a Jewish religious leader, Nicodemus, that he needed to be born again. (John 3:1-10)

Nicodemus thought Jesus was talking about a second physical birth, which seemed absurd. But Jesus meant a spiritual rebirth.

Man's Incurable Heart

One day, Jesus told the Apostle Peter that evil originates in the hearts of people. (Matt. 15:18-19)

This means that the world is in the mess we see today because we have collectively made it so. The Bible reveals that all this is due to the human heart having an INCURABLE PROBLEM. (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

The Great Heart Transplant

If our physical heart develops an incurable disease, there is only one thing to do - swap it for a new one! Many today are benefiting from this wonder of modern medicine - the heart transplant. But which surgeon is able to give a man a new spiritual heart - to change his very nature? Medical science cannot do it. Neither can politics, philosophy, meditation, or even religion. However, the good news of the Bible is that JESUS CAN AND WILL if we come to Him on His terms, which involves receiving forgiveness of our sins and acknowledging Him as our Lord.

A New Creation

Spiritual rebirth is so complete that it results in us becoming a totally new person inwardly. This new person has a new nature which desires to live in harmony with God, and therefore enjoys His peace, love, and wholeness.



In God's Family Circle

Because the Father of this reborn life is the God Holy Spirit, it makes the recipient truly a child of God. He is able to look upon God as his Father and enjoy fellowship with other believers in God's family.

The Need for Change

If God received everyone into Heaven just as they are, Heaven would have the same problems as now exist on Earth! The Bible teaches us that ALL of us have fallen short of God's standard, and therefore ALL of us need to be changed to be able to participate in God's society.

The Price

Fortunately, a spiritual heart transplant is FREE to us, and we don't need health insurance or government programs to pay for it. Jesus paid for it in advance when He bore our sins on the Cross.

Becoming a Christian

So we become a Christian the Bible way by being spiritually reborn. Church participation, good deeds, and keeping the "Golden Rule" come afterwards, and are evidence that the change is real. And we don't have to go to a spiritual hospital for our "transplant". Jesus is available for "home surgery". In fact it doesn't matter where we are when we approach Him - just as long as we are sincere. So don't delay. Ask Jesus for a new heart now and you too will be born again.

The Bible tells us to that we need to believe in our heart and make a verbal confession of our faith.

As a first step into a new life, make a declaration to Him something like this:

"Lord Jesus, I confess that I have fallen short of God's standard and need to be forgiven and born again. I believe that you died for my sins and rose again. I receive you as my Saviour and pledge my total allegiance to you as my Lord."

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