

WHAT DOES MY LIFE SAY ABOUT JESUS?

Acts 4:13-22

Introduction: They were first called "Christians" at Antioch the Bible says. Who were the "Christians" then were they any different from the people called "Christians" today? There seems to be many definitions of who/what a Christian is. How can a "real" Christian be known from a "false" Christian? If you are a Christian, what does your life reflect about Jesus Christ?

I. SOMETHING STANDS OUT IN THE LIFE OF A "REAL" CHRISTIAN

1. A "real" Christian always honors God and God always those who honor Him.
2. A "real" Christian obeys God, regardless of the cost.
3. God always does that which is best and will bring glory to Himself in the life of a "real" Christian.
4. Others, even enemies, will notice that a "real" Christian's lifestyle is different.

II. WHAT DOES MY (YOUR) LIFE SAY ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

1. Ask yourself the question: "What does my life say about Jesus Christ to those around me?"
2. If a person truly knows Jesus Christ, walks daily with Him, then others will see a similarity.

III. WHAT, THEN, IS A "REAL" CHRISTIAN?

1. A "real" Christian is one who has been redeemed from having to keep the law of God.
2. A "real" Christian is one who acknowledges his/her sin/s and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, confessing Him as his/her Lord.
3. A "real" Christian is one in whom the Holy Spirit dwells (the presence of Jesus Christ).
4. A "real" Christian will show these characteristics in some way in his/her lifestyle:
 - unflinching boldness for the honor of God
 - gentleness and love
 - self-abasing humility
 - righteousness

IV. WHEN SHOULD BELIEVERS WORK AT BEING LIKE JESUS CHRIST?

1. Sadly, most Christians think that Sundays are enough.
2. A "real" Christian, believer will work/strive to be like Jesus Christ at all times:
 - in every day affairs of life.
 - in the home.
 - in the heart and attitude.

V. WHY WORK/STRIVE TO BE LIKE JESUS CHRIST?

1. Christians/believers do not work/strive to be like Jesus Christ for fear of punishment or in hope of reward.
2. Christians/believers work/strive to be like Jesus Christ for their own sake:
 - happiness
 - spiritual health
3. Christians/believers work/strive to be like Jesus Christ for the Gospel's sake:
 - others are watching
 - impress or turn away unbelievers
4. Christians/believers are to be like Jesus Christ for His sake:
 - out of loving gratitude
 - remembering who and whose they/you/we are

CONCLUSION:

1. Many have tried to be like Jesus Christ but have failed.
2. Until one's heart is renewed by the Grace of God, being like Jesus Christ will never last.
3. Only Jesus Christ can make us/anyone like Him:
 - by His Blood Atonement.
 - by His Imputed Righteousness.
 - by His Regenerating, Sanctifying Grace.
 - By His Resurrection Glory.
4. So, what does your life say about Jesus Christ?