

Are You for Real? Part 3: The Legit Christian

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Read Matthew 16:15-17

It's not perfection but the authenticity of believers that convince others that God and Christianity are real and legit. By the grace of God, the apostle Paul and others proved themselves as genuine followers of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 1:5). Here are three marks of a legit Christian:

REAL TALK: WHO WE SAY JESUS IS

Jesus once asked His disciples who people thought He was. Some considered Him a great prophet, yet their ideas did not fully capture the truth about Jesus. Peter, however, answered correctly: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (sent by God to be King and Deliverer, and implied that person is God Himself). His correct conclusion about the deity of Jesus is not simply an intellectual exercise — it is the revelation of God's Spirit when He opens our spiritual eyes.

Is Jesus God or not? Jesus declared that He is God (**John 8:24, 58; John 10:30**). Furthermore, Jesus identified Himself as the "Alpha and the Omega... the Almighty" (Revelation 1:8). He was worshipped by people who encountered Him (**Matthew 2:11; 14:33; 28:9, 17; Luke 24:52; John 9:38**); if He was just a good man, He would have told these people not to worship Him! His disciples also testified that Jesus was God (**John 1:1,14; 20:24; Acts 20:28; Titus 2:13**). Finally, Jesus' sacrifice proves He is God (**1 John 2:1-2**). Only the sacrifice of a pure, unblemished Lamb of God is acceptable to God for the payment of our sins.

REAL TALK means that with full conviction we declare Jesus is the Savior, Lord, King, and Master of our lives! This is to be lived out moment by moment by the power of the Spirit.

REAL THINK: WHAT WE SET OUR MINDS ON

Peter rebuked Jesus when Jesus was warning his disciples of His suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection, but Jesus sharply corrected Peter for setting his mind on man's agenda instead of God's (**Matthew 16:21-23**). Peter was setting his mind on what is temporal, not the eternal things which are most important to God. We are to set our minds

on things above, not things on earth (**Colossians 3:1-2**).

Are we hungry for God and His Word? When we read our Bibles, we must think of it as having a private, uninterrupted time with the Creator and Sustainer of the universe! Are we burdened for the souls of people? We need to look at people through the eyes of Jesus. Do we pray for people? Do we take advantage of "divine appointments" or opportunities to tell others about the gospel (**Ephesians 2:8-10**)? The Word of God tells us to "go and make disciples" because people are important to God.

REAL THINK means that we set our minds on what is most important to Jesus.

REAL WALK: HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES

The Bible says that we bring the aroma of Jesus into this world — what an amazing description of legit Christians! Jesus taught His disciples how to authentically live as His followers (Matthew 16:24):

- **Deny ourselves (disregard, despise, disown):** be servants to others, and even be a "slave" of all (Mark 10:43-44).
- **Take up your cross:** In the time of Christ, anyone carrying a cross is a "dead man walking". Our old self must die, crucified with Christ (Colossians 3:5).
- **Follow Jesus (to let Him lead):** Jesus knows where He is going and where He wants to take you (1 John 2:6). To "walk" like Jesus is to live like Him as we revealed in His Word and through His people.

REAL WALK means we follow the steps of Jesus by being Christlike.

There is nothing that will profit us in this world in comparison to the infinite and eternal value of our souls. This is both a warning and an encouragement to us: a warning that we should walk with Jesus, and an encouragement that following Him is worth it.

Are we real, legit Christians? Let us live by REAL TALK, REAL THINK and REAL WALK for the glory of God!

last week's memory verse

Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"If anyone wishes to come after Me,
he must deny himself, and take up his
cross and follow Me.

MATTHEW 16:24

discuss this message

- What does it mean to declare Jesus as my Lord and Savior? Have I done so in my life? Why or why not?
- How can I keep setting my mind on what is most important to Jesus?
- What are the most important aspects in my life today where I need to live more Christlike?

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13



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