
Essential Christianity: Essentially Changed

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Will the Real Christian Please Stand Up?

^{5:1} Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God...

God Wants You to Know, Without A Shadow of Doubt,
Whether You Are His

The Problem:

Inconsistent Godly Behavior

1. A Real Christian Believes in Jesus is the Only Hope of Salvation
2. Being a Christian Is Not a One-Time Experience but Someone Who Surrendered to Christ and Continues in a Lifestyle of Faith

When the Spirit Recreated Me, I Always Remain
Essentially Changed: A Child of God

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” **2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV**

I Am Known for What I Do. Not for Who I Think I Am

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

3. I Love God AND My Brothers & Sisters in Christ

4. Obedience to the Word of God

Real Love for God Is Shown by A Want to Do His Will

“And his commandments are not burdensome”

The Real Christian Is a Thriver

Because They Are Living A
Different Kind of Life

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God **overcomes the world.** And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

None of This Is Natural, But Rather Supernatural

Key Behavior to Learn:

Dependency on God

1. A True Child of God is Victorious Over Their Problems and Needs

It Is Time We Stopped Making Excuses and Started
Plugging into Our Birthright

2. A True Child of God Is Empowered by What They Believe

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

What Do I Do If My Life Does Not Look Like This?

Grieve it!

Confess it!

Change it!