

Colossians 2:13, John 3:8, Titus 3:5, I Peter 1:23.”

To be a Christian there are some minimal beliefs:

“A possible list of 'essentials' are those beliefs that are necessary to becoming a 'Christian.' What is a Christian? In brief a Christian is one who accepts the one Lord Jesus Christ, (Eph.4:5), for who He is and what he did, and then receives the person of the Holy Spirit, (Eph.1:13; 4:4), by faith alone. This should involve the following essentials of the Gospel:

- Belief in the death, burial and bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The deity of Christ - that God came in the flesh, (1Jn./4:2,3; 1Tim.3:16; Col.1:14-19; Heb.1:1-14). (Unless one believes Jesus is God there is no salvation! - Jn. 8:24; 8:58).
- The finished sacrifice of the cross of Calvary, (Heb.9:25, 26; 10:10,11,12,18; 1Pet.3:18; Jn.19:30, etc.)
- That we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone, wholly apart from our own deeds or works, (Eph.2:8,9; Tit.3:5; Acts 16:30,31; Rom.4:5; 2Tim.1:9; Acts 20:21).
- That Christ bore our sins on the cross and that His blood sets us free, (1Jn.1:7-9; Heb.9:22).
- That with acceptance of the grace (unmerited favour) of God we must, in obedience, repent of our sinful ways and follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, (Rom.10:9,10; Acts 2:38-47; 1Cor.12:12-27; Matt.18:15-17).
- To follow Christ is to follow the Bible as the inerrant and infallible Word of God, (2Tim.3:16,17; 2Pet.1:19-21; Pr.30:5,6).” *Terry Arnold*

Let's be clear- intellectual assent to the beliefs is not enough to be a Christian. A

Christian must also:

- Have the Holy Spirit
- Simultaneously have repented of sin and turned to the Lord in faith
- Show evidence of a changed and dedicated life (He IS Lord)

A sinners prayer is not enough– there must be evidence of a changed life. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; unless indeed you are disqualified."

ONE OF THE CLEAR SIGNS OF
A WORK OF GOD
IS INCREASED
HATRED FOR SIN.

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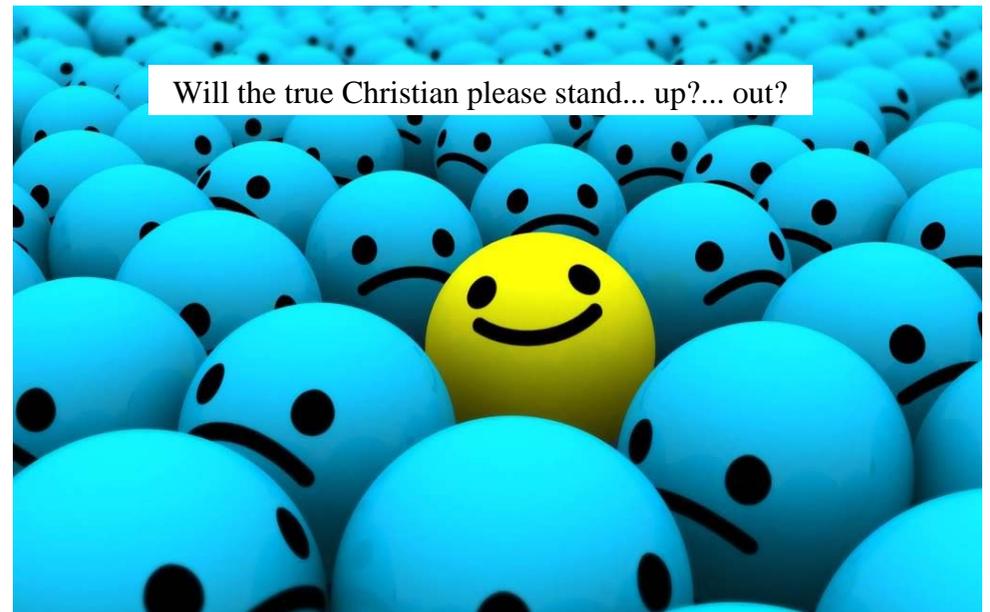
What is a Christian?

Our constitution says:

“9. Grace and the New Birth.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be 'born again'; that the new birth is the means by which a person becomes a new creation in Jesus Christ; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and sins is adopted into the family of God and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new birth is brought about by our sovereign God in a manner outside of our comprehension, solely through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that the evidence that it has really occurred is in the holy fruits of repentance, faith and a new godly lifestyle. At the moment of the new birth every individual is baptised into the body of Christ, once and for ever.

John 3:3, II Corinthians 5:17, I John 5:1, Acts 16:30-33, II Peter 1:4, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1,





I Peter: Overcoming Suffering

Refugees

1 Peter 1:1-2 contains four descriptions of a Christian:

1. _____, verses 1, 18

(1 Peter 1:1) "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, .." [NASB]

(John 14:1-3) ""Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. {2} "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. {3} "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

(Hebrews 11:9-10) "By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents ..; {10} for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

(Hebrews 11:14-16) "For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. {15} And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. {16} But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."



2. _____, verse 2

(Ephesians 1:4) "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, .."

(John 15:16) ""You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."

(Ephesians 1:3-7) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

{4} just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, {5} having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to

Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

{6} to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

{7} In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"

3. _____, verse 2, 2:9

(Ephesians 2:8) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"

(Acts 11:18) ".. God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.""

(Titus 3:5) "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"

(Romans 8:16) "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,"

(1 Thessalonians 5:23) "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Thessalonians 4:7) "For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness."

(Deuteronomy 22:9-11) ""You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled. {10} "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. {11} "You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, such as wool and linen mixed together."

(Leviticus 19:19) ""You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. ..."

(Philippians 2:13) "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

(Philippians 1:6) "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"



4. _____, verse 2



(John 3:7) ""Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'"

(Acts 4:12) ""Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.""

(Exodus 24:3) "So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments.

And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do.""

(Exodus 24:5-8) "Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. {6} And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. {7} Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient." {8} And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.""

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Hebrews 9:12-14) "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. {13} For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, {14} how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

(Hebrews 12:28-29) "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us