

# Is He for Real?

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Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. "And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity," **2 Tim 2:19.**

A parent can watch a group of children playing from a distance and pick out his, or her, own child. It may be size, voice, or the way the child moves that sets that child apart from all the others. The Lord can also look among the millions of people on earth and has no trouble seeing those who belong to him. He can do something that no earthly parent can do - he can see what is in the heart.

Years ago someone spoke of me to someone that he knew. The question was, "Is he for real?" What he meant was, "Is he really a Christian?" When I was told about it later it made me stop and think. It is good to be made to stop and think about ourselves once in a while. The bible tells us to do that, not to look at others, but to look honestly at our self. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. "Know ye not your own

selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" **2 Corinthians 13:5.** Also in **1 Corinthians 11:28** we are told to examine ourselves before taking the Lord's Supper.

Are you for real as a Christian? Don't just say, "I go to church." Do you live for the Lord each and every day? So many folks appear to think that going to services on Sunday morning is all that there is to being a child of God. With some of these it takes very little to cause them to miss church. That says that church and worship is not important. They don't care about their own salvation and don't consider what it does to their children and other family members. While they would never think that they are teaching, they certainly are. They teach by example to anyone who knows them, that serving God is not important. It would be sad to think of missing heaven for some of the entertainment of the world, but even worse to realize that your actions led your family and friends to be lost too.

How do we know if we are for real? It is really simple - check yourself by the scriptures. To become a Christian we must become a believer in Jesus. When we do we will repent of our sins. Then we confess our sins to him and confess him as our Lord to everyone. When we have done that we will be baptized for the remission of sins. After this we need to follow him every

day, being mindful of his commands. If we can go through our days and not think of him, talk to him and read his word, then how can we say that we are his?

If his Spirit is in us he will lead us and teach us to walk with him. God will not lead us to seek the pleasures of the world and to live for the pleasures of the flesh. He will lead us to live a spirit filled life. If there is no desire for the things of the spirit and no joy for the things of God a person must wonder if he is saved. "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his," **Romans 8:9.**

The serious child of God will live for the Lord every day. That doesn't mean that every day will be a glorious success. Christians, no matter how dedicated they are make mistakes because they are in this body of flesh. The saints face the same issues that everyone else does in this world and in some ways even more than the unbeliever. The unbeliever does what he wants and doesn't worry about it, the believer seeks to do the will of God and grieves when he comes short of it. When we fail we talk to Jesus about it and ask for forgiveness. Don't look to the Christian for a perfect example, look to the perfect example for us all - Jesus

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