



Does Believing in God make me a Christian?

NorthRidge Church

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BELIEVING IS NOT ENOUGH . . .

JAMES 2:19-20

1. The devils also believe and tremble in fear and torment.
2. They do not repent and there is no change in their life.

SORROW IS NOT ENOUGH . . .

2 CORINTHIANS 7:10

1. _____ produces a change of heart and direction. A turning from sin and turning to God, resulting in salvation.
2. _____ produces regret because of consequences, but without a change of heart and direction, leading only to death.

WORKS ARE NOT ENOUGH . . .

GALATIANS 6:15

1. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

1. We are not saved of ourselves or by works, lest any man should boast.

What makes me a Christian?

GALATIANS 6:15; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

1. The only thing that avails anything is _____.
2. If any man be in Christ, he is _____: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

1. We are saved by grace through faith and it is the gift of God.
2. We are God's workmanship, _____ unto good works.

JOHN 3:5-6

1. We _____ be born of water and of the Spirit, to enter into the kingdom of God.
2. That which is born of the flesh is born into this physical world with a physical existence, and that which is born of the Spirit is born into the spiritual world with a spiritual existence.

What is Eternal Life?

This is life eternal, that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. – John 17:3

EVIDENCE OF ETERNAL LIFE...

1. Old ways passing away and living in a newness of life.
2. Walking in the will of God and producing spiritual fruit.

Truth for Life

For the week of July 31, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Have you known someone who claimed to be a "Believer" and yet really didn't demonstrate characteristics of a believer? How did their life conflict with their testimony? What contrasts did you observe? Where they fulfilled? Happy? Or otherwise? From your observation, what did they need to do in order for their claimed "belief" to match up with their reality? What steps did they need to take?
2. Read John 3:16. What makes one a Christian according to that verse? What does it mean to "believe?" Is believing enough to make one a Christian? Why or why not? Is our difficulty really misunderstanding what it means to believe? Define "Believe." Give everyone an opportunity to give input.
3. We often use the term Jesus is my "Lord and Savior." Jesus as your Lord is a vital part of being a Christian. Jesus gave us a picture of what it looks like in John 15:1-17. He was in a room with his closest followers and these were some of His last words. Read the passage with the mindset that what He told His followers then is exactly what He would tell His followers today. Write down any observations that apply to you.
4. Whether you are a new Christian, a long-time Christian, or still trying to understand Christianity, the "Roman's Road" helps us understand our need for salvation and how that relationship with Christ begins. Even though you may have looked at these verses before, these verses are great to remember as it also helps us in sharing our faith with others. As you read each verse, jot down what essential truth each passage communicates about your own relationship with Christ.
 - Romans 3:23
 - Romans 6:23
 - Romans 5:8
 - Romans 10:9-11, 13

Memory Verse

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? – James

2:19-20



Does a Valley Always Indicate a Wrong Turn?

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