

# What is a biblical Christian?

Romans 1:16-17 10-31-93

## **Introduction:**

*2 Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith;*

*Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, But the righteous man shall live by faith*

*Jeremiah 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good who are accustomed to do evil*

## **A biblical Christian is one who...**

**Key #1- ...fully admits their own \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Matthew 1:21 for He will save his people from their sins*

*1 Timothy 1:15 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,*

*Luke 5:31-32 ...I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance*

### **1st - The problem of a bad \_\_\_\_\_**

*Romans 5:12 Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, thus death spread to all men, because all sinned*

*1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

*Ecclesiastes 7:20 there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins*

### **2nd - The problem of a bad \_\_\_\_\_**

*Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?*

*Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts...*

*Matthew 9:13 I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance*

**Key #2 - ...fully admits there is only \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.**

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son*

*1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins*

### **1st - God's remedy for sin is a \_\_\_\_\_**

*John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*

**2nd - God's solution for sin is the \_\_\_\_\_**

*Matthew 20:28 ...to give his life a ransom for many*

*1 Cor. 2:2 ...Jesus Christ and him crucified*

*2 Cor. 5:21 He made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in him*

*Matt 27:46 My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?*

**3rd - God's cure for sin is \_\_\_\_\_ for all and is \_\_\_\_\_ to all without discrimination**

*John 6:37 the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.*

*Matt 11:28 Come to me, all who are weary and heavy -laden and I will give you rest.*

*Ephesians 2:8 faith that is not of yourselves but the gift of God*

**Key #3- ...fully complies with the \_\_\_\_\_ {s} for \_\_\_\_\_**

**God's answer for sin.**

*Mark 1:14-15 ...Repent, and believe in the gospel'*

*Luke 24:47 repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem*

*Acts 11:18 Well, then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.*

*Acts 17:30 God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent*

*2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is ... patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.*

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God.*

*Romans 3:28 a man is justified by faith*

*John 1:12 But as many as receive Him, ...he gave the right to become children of God, even those who believe in His name.*

*II Timothy 2:24-25 ...if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth.*

•Is it **Repentance** or **Faith**? The answer is \_\_\_\_\_ !

•Salvation is a **conversion**

**Salvation is turning from sin {repent} to rely upon Jesus alone {faith}**

*1 Thess 1:9 turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God*

*Acts 3:26 God sent Him {Jesus} to bless you by turning everyone of you from your wicked ways*

*Acts 14:15 We ... preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God...*

•Salvation is a **change**

There is a change of \_\_\_\_\_, that is **repentance** and there is a change of \_\_\_\_\_, that is **faith**.

*Acts 10:43 that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sin Acts 11:18 Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life*

*Acts 20:21 To Jews, and also to Greeks, **repentance** toward God and **faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ*

•What is **repentance**?

*Luke 15:17-20 How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired men'. He got up and came to his father .. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him and ran and embraced him and kissed him*

•What is **faith**?

**Key #4- ...who \_\_\_\_\_ their salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*1 John 3:10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious; anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God  
Acts 26:20 Declaring to ...everyone... that they should repent and turn to God performing deeds appropriate to repentance.  
Matthew 7:23 Depart from me you who practice lawlessness*

*Ephesians 2:8+10 you have been saved through faith...for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for Good works  
Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly  
John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him  
James 2:14 What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has not works? Can that faith save him? 17 ...faith, if it has no works, is dead.*

• Is **Justification** separated from **Sanctification**?

*1 Corinthians 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.  
Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord  
Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My Words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the Glory of His Father ...*

• Is your salvation **obvious**?

*Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.  
Hebrews 5:9 He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation  
1 John 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*

**Conclusion: Are you a biblical Christian? \_\_\_\_\_**