

"Is It Necessary To Become A Christian?" ✓

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1-What is a christian?

1-A Christian is a disciple or a follower of Christ.

2-A Christian is one who believes and as a result of his faith he has obeyed and is obeying Christ.

3-A Christian is one who has been born again, and the christian only, and no other, has the promise of eternal life.

2-Many statements in the Bible to prove it is necessary to become a Christian.

1-Jesus and Nicodemus: John 3:5;

Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

2-Whatever this verse may mean, it will be admitted by all:

1-That no one is a member of the kingdom of God until he is born again.

2-That Jesus here declares the impossibility of one entering who is not born of water and of the Spirit.

2-Jesus talking to Thomas: John 14:6;

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1-God does not become reconciled to us with our sins.

2-Man becomes reconciled to God.

3-There is just one way;

For man to become reconciled to God and that way is CHRIST.

3-Paul at Athens: Acts 17:30;

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.

1-In the times when there was no revelation to those in darkness, God overlooked man's failure but now all men everywhere must repent.

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3-Paul at Athens continued:

2-All men must repent for there will be no sinners in heaven: Rev. 21:17;

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, nether whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie, but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

3-All men have sinned: Romans 3:23;

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 5:12;

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

4-Many people ask, Cannot a morally good man enter heaven? Examples of good moral people who still needed Christ.

1-Lydia---Acts 16:13-15;

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. 14-And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15-And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

2-The Eunoch---Acts 8:26-39;

1-His long journey to worship.

2-His careful study of the scriptures.

3-His ready hearing of the gospel as preached by Philip.

4-All these things indicate a believer in Jehovah--A devout man--But was that enough

5-The Eunoch's baptism indicate that he really had faith in God and that faith led him to put on Christ in baptism.

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3-Cornelius---Acts 10:1-48;

1-Cornelius was a devout man.

2-He was a man of prayer, a man who feared God, A man who gave alms to the poor, a man of good report.

3-Were these things enough to save Cornelius?
Acts 10:5-6;

And now send men to Joppa and ~~call~~ call for one Simon whose surname is Peter:

6-He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell the what thou oughtest to do.

4-If one cannot be saved without becoming a Christian, How does one become a Christian?

1-All who would become Christians must be taught: Mt.28-19

2-The burden of the Great Commission-Mk.16-15.

1-Men must go and teach people.

2-Romans 10:17;

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

3-Acts 11:13-14;

And he shewed us how that he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14-Who shall tell the words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

4-Cornelius heard Peter preach: Rom.10-14;
How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher.

5-After Cornelius heard Peter; Acts-10:48;
And he com-

manded them to be baptized in the Name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

1-Peter was speaking by the authority of God; he was speaking by the Holy Spirit; hence, God through Peter commanded them to be baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ."

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5-After the gospel has been preached, we have heard, and believed, there is something else we must do.

1-Peter's sermon on Pentecost:

1 Peter told them of Christ.

2-Peter impressed them with the the fact that, "they with wicked hands had crucified the Lord of glory."

2-They believed Peter's affirmation:

1-As the result of this belief they had faith in Jesus whom they had rejected, but that was not sufficient, for they cried out, "Men and brethren what shall we do?"

2-What they must do-Acts 2:38;

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

to "conquer" the world. It is necessary to have a "faithful" man who will do this. He must be a man of "faith" and "belief" and "conviction".

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