

ID of a Believer!



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The valid ID of a believer, is their acting faith in the God of the Bible. As the probability of Christ returning suddenly *increases*, those living the true Christian life *decreases*. Jesus said that the spiritual condition of the world, and being ready to meet Him, would be the same *now* as it was *then*—when just eight people escaped. Luke 17:26 “*As it was in the days of [Noah], so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.*” Everyone was going about their lives, when 27 “*The flood came, and destroyed them all.*”

Only eight people had the ID of a believer! By obeying God’s Word in faith, eight escaped death by drowning—and it made Noah a *righteous* man. Hebrews 11:7 “*By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*” That refutes every excuse anyone could make—and on *that* day there will be *no* excuse for not believing God.

The spiritual blessings people received in the Bible can be received today; and if anyone does not receive them, they can know *why* they are not being received. If *one* person could have those blessings, then *everyone* could. Every excuse for not believing must be eliminated. Excuses may

pass on earth, but they will *not* pass in heaven—they are counterfeit bills after leaving this world.

The Bible speaks very clearly about there being no excuse. Matthew 22:11 “*And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*”

The devil manufactures excuses—and the man, no doubt, had more than a few of them why he was not ready, or why his faith faltered—but when it came to eternal life, there *was* no excuse. Noah eliminated all excuses—Hebrews 11:7 “*By the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*” Noah really *believed* God, and his actions proved he *trusted* God—for protection from drowning in this case. This faith *in* God made him right with God.

Jesus asked a rhetorical question—concerning if He would find anyone receiving answers to prayer from God, as the widow received answer from a judge. Luke 18:1-5 “*There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.*”

“*And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.*” It is a reminder that we must *persist* in our prayers and never stop asking God.

The parable is applied to everyone—Luke 18:6-8 “*Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I*

tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” Would He find people receiving answers to prayer and getting victories by persevering in faith and trust on God—He meant.

The fact that there are so few who *will* trust God without giving up that trust on Him—makes our spiritual interest of the greatest importance., but more importantly, to actually *live* it every day **Heaven is such a beautiful and glorious place; and Hell is such a horrible and repulsive place, that it is critical to not only *know* what it means to be a Christian believer —it’s a *label* and a *life!*** A Christian believer *can* be identified by their life of acting faith in God.

First on the agenda is a new birth—being *born again*—it is having a humble and submissive attitude of trust on the living God. Jesus reminds us John 3:5-6—“*Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*”

The conditions of a rebirth are confessing our sins to God. 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.*” That is a new birth and a *true* confession, which always brings results. When we *confess* and *forsake* all past sins, and we *believe* on the authority of that Word that we *are* forgiven, *then* we are born again.

To *not* believe that we are forgiven and acquitted, means we are believing the devil—who wants to condemn us and accuse us. God’s *Word* is always true and says—God “*Is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” We will not have a *clean* heart until we truly *believe* that—and *continue* to believe it. A *clean* heart is the basis of *true* faith in Christ.

Multitudes *profess* to have faith in God, and they think that if they have ever had a born-again experience, they are sure to make eternal life. They think that it does not make any difference what happens *after* that experience—they will enter Heaven simply because they were born again one time—citing John 3:3 “*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*”

Jesus did *not* say that *everyone* who was born again *would* enter Heaven, but that it was a *first* and very *important* step. There are qualifications for being President of the U.S., but just because we are a natural born citizen of the country, does not guarantee reaching the Oval Office. It depends entirely on what happens *after* our birth—whether we become President or not.

The **second** condition for eternal life is a total *commitment* to God and doing His will. Romans 12:1 “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*” We are His possession by *creation* and *purchase*—only *God* has the right to say how we live.

As with anything that we own, *we* can say how it is used—that is *our* right, and it is *God’s* right to say how *we* are to live *our* life. It is not because He just *wants* someone to obey Him, but He knows that if we are *not* submissive to *His* will, we *would* be to *Satan’s* will—who then controls our attitudes; and robs us of everything we could have in life—and it will land us in Hell if we do not repent.

A total surrender to the will of God is an absolute necessity! God is not able to do anything *for* us and He cannot *prepare* us for His kingdom, until we totally give our life to Him. This includes meeting the circumstances of life as His Word *says* to meet them. *That* is the ID of a true believer in Christ.

We are not immediately condemned for not knowing God’s will at first, but we *are* responsible to have an attitude that is *willing* to obey the Word when a choice or a decision must be made. God does not ask us to do anything, or to meet any difficulty in our own strength, but *He* gives the power to obey His Word when we are surrendered to His will.

The *Blood* of Christ on the cross is the value *paid* for victory. The *Word* of God is the instruction to follow and the *power* of God is the way it is carried through. We are *responsible* for the surrender of our will to God—a surrender without compromise.

We must *make* a total commitment to do God’s will—because if we allow ourselves any excuse to disobey the Word—or to do something other than what it says—the devil will have us disobey it. Obedience to the Word is not possible if we tolerate any rebellion. A complete *surrender* means a complete *subjection*—to God. There can be no loophole for Satan to tempt us, which could lead us away from the Word and rob us of our blessings.

If we are willing to *obey* God in just those things that suit us; but to *disobey* Him where it does *not* suit us, the devil will supply all the excuses needed to convince us that we do not always *have* to obey the Word. If we give ourselves a license to not meet things right, we will simply not meet them right. This rebellious attitude will land us in the flames—if not recognized and corrected. Luke 13:3 “*Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*”

Our surrender to the will of God is a 24/7 sacrifice. Some people are offended when treated unfairly; or easily insulted by an uncaring remark, but if they were *surrendered* to God right, they would be committed to *meet* it right—they would *rejoice* rather than *complain*.

The apostles were severely beaten for teaching in the Name of Jesus, but they went home praising God for the privilege of suffering for His Name. The disciples *taught* God’s Truth, but the religious leaders *opposed* them. Acts 5:40 “*When they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.*”

It should be our highest ambition to meet every test in God’s way; it should be our greatest delight to respond in a scriptural way to everything. When we *know* that meeting such things in a right and scriptural way will lead us to eternal life forever—it will be our greatest pleasure to meet it right. We will think—*What does God’s Word say, and how can I meet it according to His will?*

If we are not totally *committed* to God, we will *complain* and be *upset* when offended; but if we *are* totally committed to Him, we will praise Him and glorify His Name for giving us the privilege of meeting the offense—which would search our heart and give evidence that we have a valid ID of being a true believer in Christ.

We will instantly and immediately praise God for the test, even though it might not come in a very nice-looking package—but we will *know* that God has a spiritual *blessing* in it for us, and that He is just preparing us for His eternal kingdom. *That* is having the *ID of a Believer!*



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