

305 What makes you a Christian ?

He that believeth and is baptized (immersed) shall be saved. **Mr 16:16**

This does not mean, Water baptism nor Holy Ghost baptism (with speaking in tongues), BUT being baptized into Christ. When you believe that Christ is who he said he was, you were and are immersed into Christ and his love, you put on Christ and HIS righteousness. (**Ga 3:27**)

The thief on the cross, neither had the time nor the opportunity to be water baptized nor was he baptized with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. But when he acknowledged who Christ was, he was baptized into Christ, or as we call it, BORN AGAIN. Jesus said, "This day, you shall be with me in paradise." (**Lu 23:43**)

Now, I am going to (symbolically) throw a bucket of cold water unto the religious people.

The word baptized is not in the Greek translation, but was rather made up by the King James translators. The word is immersed, the reason they made up the word "baptized" was because the religious churches of that time was to sprinkle little children and consider it baptism. This would offend the religious people as it does today, you see if you are only sprinkled into Christ, then you only have a head knowledge of salvation and the part where Jesus says, "I NEVER KNEW YOU" applies to you. (**Mt 7:23**)

The bible is very clear on what burial is, you are covered, put under, or closed in a tomb.

Can you imagine what our grave yards would be like, if the residents had only a sprinkling of dirt on them ?

(One thing I sense I should point out, is that every book of the bible was written as a letter and in order to even begin to understand it. And should be read that way.)

The bible never had chapter and verse like it has today, this was added by MAN for convenience sake.

Now we all quote chapter and verse to back up our point and we surmise that the people reading it has read the whole bible like us. But unless you know the word of God and it is confirmed by the Holy Spirit, you can receive false doctrine and be led (as I call it) down the garden path.

This is why we have so many denominations today, people have not read the bible for themselves and believe what their denomination teaches or by some mans commentary. In other words, they will not let the bible get in the way of what they believe.

Joh 17:17 says the word IS TRUTH

1Jo 2:27 says the Holy Spirit teaches us all things in truth and is no lie.

Man, in his own spirit is always open to error, but when led by the Spirit of God, there is no error.

(**2Ti 3:16**)

2Co 13:5* 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?

Few people, will not truly examine themselves according to what the bible says, BUT rather by their traditions.

For those of you that don't know, or those that have forgotten. God DOES NOT get upset, mad or angry with us in anyway shape or form, NOTTA, ZIP.

Jesus took ALL of Gods wrath upon himself for us, there is NOTHING we CAN or CANNOT do that will make him love us more or less.

When the father looks at all of us that have EXCEPTED Jesus and what Jesus did for us, all he sees is the righteousness of his son who is within us.

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwell in you?

You see, it don't take much to be a disciple of Jesus, just believe in him, ask him into your life and he does the rest.

Ro 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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