

**AM I REALLY A CHRISTIAN? (A SELF TEST)**

1. Do you believe in the gospel?
2. Is the Holy Spirit moving in your life?
3. Does your life display the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
4. Do you want to experientially know God?
5. Does it sicken you when you sin?
6. Do you want to serve God?
7. Do you want to learn to pray effectively?
8. Does injustice bother you enough to act?
9. Do you enjoy giving?
10. Are you concerned about vulgar language?

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17  
KJV

If you find yourself answering “yes” to these questions, it is a good sign that you are a Christian.

**PREPARING TO PRAY | WHO I AM AS A CHRISTIAN**

I am a child of God (John 1:12)

I am not a mistake

I am created in God’s spitting image (Gen. 1:26)

I willfully delved into sin (Rom. 3:23)

At first I enjoyed it

But then I felt shame and disgust

I was sinking in the quicksand of evil

The more I struggled against sin the worse it got

I was dying (Eph. 2:5)

My father took pity on me (Luke 15:20)

He clothed himself in human flesh (John 1:14; Heb. 2:14)

And faced down all of the sins of the world without ever succumbing (Heb. 4:15)

He went to the cross with all the world’s sins clinging to his being (2 Cor. 5:21)

He died (1 Cor. 15:3), was buried (1 Cor. 15:4), raised from the dead on the third day (1 Cor. 15:4),

showed himself alive to many people over the next 40 days (1 Cor. 15:5-8 & Acts 1:3),

ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9-10), and is coming again (Acts 1:11)

He redeemed me (Gal. 3:13, 1 Pet 1:18), cleansed me (Isa. 1:18), and set my feet upon the rock

That rock was Christ (1 Cor. 10:4)

I am an adopted child of God (Rom. 8:15)

I am not second-class

I am an heir of God and a co-heir with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17)

Jesus is not ashamed to call me “brother” (Heb. 2:11)

He has commissioned me to do the things he did and greater things than these (John 14:12) because he is

My advocate (1 John 2:1) and my full-time intercessor (Heb. 7:25),

I have been called to come boldly into the presence of God to receive mercy and grace (Heb. 4:16)

It is upon these truths I stand as I come to ask largely of an infinite God in prayer (Jer. 33:3).

