

CHRISTCENTRED LIFE BIBLE CHURCH
LAUTECH CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP

THE REALITY OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

2 Corinthians 5:17-31; John 3:3,16.

It is a fact that nobody is born a Christian, nor does one grow naturally to become one. Also nobody is a Christian because he goes to church, or get baptized receives Holy Communion or engage in other religious activities. To become a Christian, one must be born again, have God's nature imparted into one and be made new by the blood of Jesus Christ. The new birth makes Jesus a living personality in us and gives us the assurance of spending eternity in heaven.

1. THE NECESSITY OF SALVATION

God created man in His own image, pure, holy and righteous. But man fell into sin, became totally depraved, evil and wicked. Thus, he became estranged from God, dead in sins and trespasses. All his self-righteousness is like a filthy rag before God. The more he tries to free himself from the web of sin through yearly resolutions and religious duties, the more he gets entangled and sinks deeper into sin. Man needs a Saviour because:

- i. He is a sinner by nature – Genesis 5:3; Psalm 51:5.
- ii. He commits sins and becomes liable to judgment – Romans 3:23; 6:23.
- iii. He is dead in sins and trespasses.
- iv. His self-righteousness, good works and attendance to religious duties are not sufficient to earn him salvation from sin – Psalm 64:6.
- v. He is blind and in bondage – John 8:34; 2 Corinthians 4:4.
- vi. The certainty of judgment and eternal punishment in hell – Psalm 9:17.

2. PATHWAY TO SALVATION

God, in His abundant love and mercy, has provided a way of escape. Man can be totally free from sin and become holy and just before Him. To accomplish this, he needs to take a number of steps:

- i. He must realize that he is a sinner who needs salvation and total deliverance – Psalm 51:5.
- ii. He should repent of all known sins with a strong determination not to go back to them again – Acts 3:19.
- iii. He must confess his sins to God and make necessary restitution – Mark 1:5; Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9.
- iv. Manifest faith in the atoning power of the blood of Jesus Christ – Acts 20:21; 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 7:25.
- v. Confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour – Romans 10:9-10.

3. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

To many professing salvation and freedom from sin is almost like blasphemy to the, it is not possible to be free from sin, how much more having the assurance. However, from Bible and the testimonies of the saints of old and present day Christians who have obtained salvation and total freedom from sin, we know it is possible. There are evidences that can serve as a guide whether one is a Christian or not;

- i. Freedom from guilt and fear of impending judgment – Romans 8:1.
- ii. Joy of salvation as a result of sins forgiven – Psalm 51:12.

- iii. Total freedom from sin and a change of life, will and ambition – Romans 8:2; 1 Corinthians 5:17.
- iv. The witness of the Holy Ghost – Romans 8:15-16.
- v. Thirst and desire to live a holy life – Psalm 42:1.
- vi. Willingness and desire to testify to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ – Acts 9:20.
- vii. Hunger and thirst for the fellowship of the children of God – Acts 9:26-28.
- viii. Love and affection for other brethren.

JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT

1. Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
Of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice Soundeth,
Saying, Christian, follow me
2. Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world’s golden store
From each idol that would keep us
Saying, “Christian, love me more”
3. In our joys and in our sorrow,
Days of toils and hours of ease
Still he calls, in cares and pleasure
“Christian, love me more than these”.
4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.