



Dear Christian, Are You?

IN OUR PRESENT AGE there is the possibility that even though you may think you are Christian; you may not be Christian at all. I say this because the Bible is clear that as we draw

closer to the last of the last days, the majority claiming to be Christian will be deceived, thinking they are Christian when they are not Christian at all. If you acknowledge that we are living in the last days (most do), then you must also acknowledge that you may not be Christian (most do not).

This deception was warned of by Jesus and the early disciples. We are now 2000 years closer to the coming of Christ than the early disciples were. This means deception within the body of Christ is greater than ever before; so great that you—yes, even you—may not be Christian even though you think you are. I encourage you to consider whether you are truly Christian as if your eternal destiny depends upon it...because it does. (2 Corinthians 13:5)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

In Matthew 7:21 Jesus is clear that not everyone that says they are Christian, are Christian. The true Christians are those who “do the will of God.” That means the majority claiming to be Christian may go through motions of being a Christian (reading the Bible, saying prayers, going to “church,” doing good works, etc.) without really doing God’s will, which cannot

take place unless you are transformed by God’s Spirit.

The Apostle Paul warned over 2000 years ago that before Christ would return, the church would go through a great falling away from Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:1-2). He also warned the disciple Timothy that in our present age Christians would have the image of being Christian without the Holy Spirit to be Christian (2 Timothy 3:5). Revelation 2 and 3 give us a picture of what this deception looks like. Five of the seven churches are identified as conformed and sin filled while at the same time claiming to be Christian.

TO BE CHRISTIAN

To be Christian is to become a “new creature” through God’s Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Holy Spirit’s main work in you is to totally transform your thoughts, your emotions, behavior, and words. Galatians 5:19-23 makes a contrast of the human nature without God’s Spirit and the transformed human nature with God’s Spirit. Sadly, the majority claiming to be Christian are still living in their old human nature. Without this transformation the Holy Spirit is not with you. Without the Holy Spirit you do not belong to Christ (Romans 8:9). You cannot belong to Christ and be controlled by your sinful human nature (1 John 3:5,6).

I encourage you to look deep inside and truly examine yourself. Your eternal destiny depends on it.

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