

99 Do you get:

YOU CALL YOURSELF A CHRISTIAN AND YOU DID THAT ?

If you love the Lord and desire to grow in Christ, you will TALK to him and He with you. You will STUDY his word and his ways, and the result is that His word will come out of your mouth as a second nature. The bible says that out of your belly (inner being) shall flow rivers of living water.

2Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Deuteronomy 5:24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

You see, once you have put on Christ, your whole attitude changes as recorded in

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

HOW DO YOU PUT ON CHRIST

Well as the scripture teaches first salvation, then it is through emersion in water baptism. **We are buried or put under the water** and as Christ was raised, **So we as we are raised out of the water, we put on Christ.**

Romans 6:3/4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in

newness of life.

The Majority of people that make the statement: "If you were a Christian", Do not believe in water emersion for baptism.

They hang on to their man made tradition of putting the cart before the horse.

You say, what is that?

The bible teaches that believing comes before baptism.

Jesus warned about tradition of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

The Apostle Paul also warns about the tradition of men.

Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Matthew 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

The Scribes, Pharisees and the Sadducees all practiced the priesthood, leading too their own traditions. So it is the same today, only different names.

As we share the things that God has taught us through his word, things we have seen and things He has revealed to our Spirit.

1John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

As we share with one another. we are to share the things we have seen, the things we have heard and the things we know in our heart.

Numbers 23:12 And he answered and said, Must I not take

need to speak that **which the LORD hath put in my mouth?**

John 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **We speak that we do know**, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

1Corinthians 2:10 **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

Cold or lukewarm Christians are very susceptible to the influences of the devil, and so will be offended by your Christian walk. By saying IF YOU WERE, the devil is hoping to discourage you. WHY do you think the majority of churches today compromise their standard, allowing watered down preaching, Rock n Roll for worship or just plain pleasing to their god Satan.

John 15:19 **If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

John 17:14 **I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

2Timothy 3:12 **Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

Keep up the good work
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