

When Christianity Becomes Real

Ephesians 6:5-8

The Apostle Paul gave life instructions to those who were slaves and serve under a fleshly master. Each of these instructions amounted to rendering service, not to men, but to the Lord. (Ephesians 6:5-8.)

When we get past half-hearted involvement in our faith, it becomes REAL. When we understand that we cannot go through the motions in laying claim to Christ, then it gets REAL! When we allow the word of God to sink in, it becomes REAL that He is talking directly to YOU and ME!

What is REAL Christianity? What will it take to become a REAL Christian?

I. What is Real Christianity?

- A. Perhaps we should all refer to the passage in the Bible where the disciples of Jesus are first called “Christians”. (Acts 11:20-26.) These disciples “turned to the Lord” and they were told “with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord” in Acts 11. No wonder these disciples were first called by this new name because they were REAL!
- B. REAL Christianity is not based on what is claimed by someone, but it is what is lived by them! (Matthew 7:15-23.)
- C. REAL Christianity is based upon the One after whom it is named-Christ! (I Peter 4:12-19.)
- D. REAL Christianity is directly patterned after being a bond-servant who humbles themselves like our Lord Jesus did! (Philippians 2:3-8.)

II. What Will It Take To Become A REAL Christian?

- A. Before one can experience REAL Christianity they will have to step aside from any kind of hypocrisy and pretense! (Luke 6:41-45.)
- B. Jesus taught His true disciple to DO WHAT HE SAYS, not ignore Him and do what interests us! (Matthew 7:24, 25; Luke 6:46-48.)
- C. To be a REAL Christian we have to adjust our way of thinking, our way of looking at life and our attitude! (Hebrews 12:1, 2, 11.)
- D. REAL Christianity is demonstrated when no one is looking-it is WHO WE ARE before God at all times! (Matthew 6:2-6.)