

Questionnaire - Are You a True Christian?



The Bible consistently warns of the danger of false conversions, false christians, people who think they are Heaven bound and yet who will be sent to Hell...

Matt.7:21-23 'Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity'.

We are commanded to:

2Pet.1:10 '...make your calling and election sure...?'

2Cor.13:5 'Examine yourselves, whether you be in the faith; prove your own selves...'

Are you born again? *Jn.3:3 Jesus said 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'.*

The following questions may help in testing for the marks of a true born again Christian.

Qs.1 Have you understood the true Gospel?

Have you understood you are a sinner having broken God's laws and that nothing in and of yourself can save you but God's grace and mercy?

Have you confessed and repented of your sin?

Have you understood that Christ has died in your place for sin and your response is to believe in him and His righteousness, and his saving sacrificial work to God on your behalf?

Has the true Gospel convicted your conscience, overcome your will, subdued your pride? Has the Gospel made Christ real to you?

Qs.2. Do you have Christ First as Saviour and Lord?

Do you show you have Christ first with *a desire* to pray, read and hear his Word, and commune with him. Is the Lord your joy and strength?

1Jn.1:6 *'If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth'*; 5:1 *'Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God...'*

Christ must be *first* priority. Matt.10:37 *'He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me'*

The Born Again have Christ first. Are you born again?

Qs.3. Have you confessed, and do continue to confess your sin nature?

Do you know you are a sinner? Are you convicted of sin and struggle against it? Have you, and do you, confess your sin? Do you ‘*confess your faults...*’ (James 5:16).

1Jn.1:8-10 *‘If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us’*

The Born Again confess sin... *Are you born again?*

Qs.4. Have you ceased to continue in the practise/habit of sin?

1Jn.3:3,4,8,9 *‘And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever commits [continues/practises] sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law... Whosoever abides in him sins not: whosoever sins has not seen him, neither known him... He that commits sin is of the devil... Whosoever is born of God do not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God’*

[‘Commit’ has the tense of contemporaneous action, a *practising, habitual* and continuing in sin]

A non Christian is *a slave* to sin. The Christian is a slave to Christ and freed from the slavery of sin, yet not denying that sin exists in the flesh (1Jn.1:8-10).

True Christians will not be practising fornication, adultery, homosexuality, drunkenness, stealing, etc. Such sins damn the soul to Hell.

The Born again do not continue in the practise of sinning. Are you Born Again?

Qs.5 Do you keep and obey God's Word?

Do you enjoy God's Word '*as the deer pants for the water*' (Ps.42:1).

1Jn.2:3-5 '*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that says, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keeps his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him*'

1Jn.5:2 '*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments*'.

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Qs.6 Do you ‘abide’ and ‘walk’ with him?

1Jn.2:6 *‘He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked’*

[‘Abides’ means to remain in, not be continuously backsliding, falling away, in and out of the faith, inconsistent... To ‘walk’ is to live daily in holiness and righteousness]

Are you a ‘new creatures in Christ... old things are passed away’? (2Cor.5:17).

Qs.7 Do you truly love other Christians?

Would you rather be with true Christians than those in the world?

1Jn.2:9-11 *‘He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loves his brother abides in the light... But he that hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and knows not where he goes, because that darkness has blinded his eyes’*

1Jn.3:14-18 *‘We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death. Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer... Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren... Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth’.*

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Qs.8 Are you Separate From the World?

Has God's love gripped you that the world does not know you or agree with you.

Do you accept the worlds standards - their tastes/habits, speech, music, appearances...?

1Jn.2:15,16 'Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him... For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...'

1Jn.4:5 'They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them'

James 4:4 'You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God' whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God'.

Do you long for Heaven?

The Born Again seek holiness and are separate from the world.

Are you born again?

Qs.9 Do you have the Fruit of the Spirit?

The Bible teaches Christians have: Matt.3:8-10 - *'fruit of repentance'*; Rom.6:21,22 - *'fruit unto holiness'*; Phil.1:11; Heb.12:11; James 3:18 - *'fruit of righteousness'*; Heb.13:15 - *'Fruit of our lips giving thanks'*; Gal.5:22 - *'Fruit of the Spirit'* - *'love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance [self control]...And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts'*.

Christians have the *'Fruit of works'* (Eph.2:10; James 2:14-20; Tit.1:16; 2:7; 3:14; Matt.5:16; Acts 26:20; 1Thess.1:3; 1Tim.2:10; 2Tim.3:17; Tit.2:7,14; 3:8,14; Heb.10:24).

Have you the fruit of a Christian?

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1Jn.5:13 *'These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God'*.

If any of these questions disturb the reader, then beg for God to give you the revelation of himself.

Jesus said *'...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....Ye must be born again'* (Jn.3:3,8).

Read the first epistle of John for a more comprehensive summary of the marks of a Christian.

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