"For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; and the
government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

Who is Christ Jesus?

Matthew 1:23: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Colossians 1:15-18: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

The purpose being:

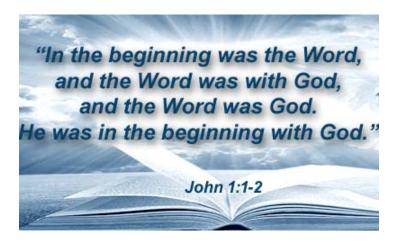
1John 5:20: "The Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life."

Therefore:

Colossians 2:9: "In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever."

1Timothy 3:16: "God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory."

Do I abide in and follow Christ, the Son of God?



How is Christ associated with the Word of God?

John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:3-4: "God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone."

The reason why:

1Peter 1:23: "You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God."

What's more?

2Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

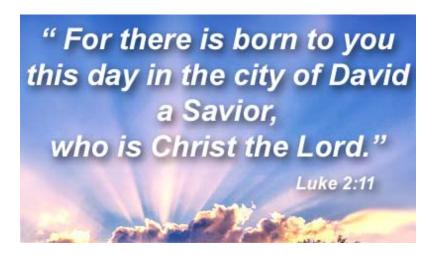
Hebrews 4:12: "The Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Therefore:

Psalm 119:105: "Your Word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Romans 10:17: "So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Do I study, meditate and dwell into the Word of God, so I know the path to follow Christ?



Why is Christ called, the Savior of the world?

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

1John 4:14: "And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world."

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Acts 4:12: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." The purpose being:

Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Therefore:

Matthew 16:24: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." Matthew 10:38: "He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me." What's more?

Acts 13:47: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."

Do I truly abide in Christ the Savior, so I live to follow Him and share His light through my life?

"Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Redemption is defined as the atonement for sins to bring deliverance. How is Christ defined as the redeemer in the Word of God?

Galatians 4:4-5: "When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

1John 3:5: "And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin."

1Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1Timothy 2:5: "For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus."

1John 2:2: "He Himself is the propitiation for our sins."

Therefore:

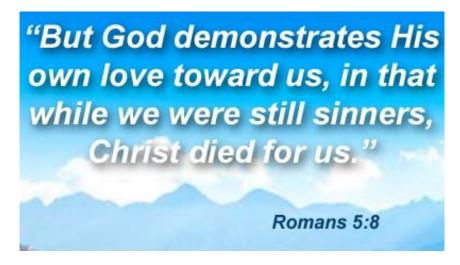
Mark 1:15: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Matthew 3:8: "Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God."

Why?

Galatians 5:24: "Those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

Have I repented and surrendered to Christ so I am washed by His blood and redeemed?



How dominant is the love of God for the world?

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

1John 4:16: "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

Therefore:

1John 4:8: "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

God's purpose for the world being:

Ephesians 3:17-19: "That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

In so living, we can then expect that:

Romans 8:38-39: "Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The reason why Jesus said:

John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples."

Does the love of Christ dwell in my heart so I live as His disciple?

"For us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live."

1Corinthians 8:6

Lordship is defined as someone having authority, control and power over the life of a person.

Why are we enjoined to submit to Christ's Lordship?

Colossians 1:15-17: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Philippians 2:9-11: "God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

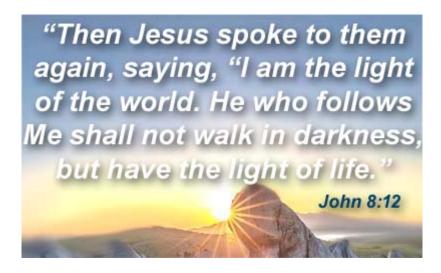
Therefore:

Titus 2:12-13: "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

Why?

Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Have I surrendered my life to Christ, so I live to follow Him as Lord and abide in Him?



Why must we abide in, and shine the Light of Christ through our lives? 1John 1:5: "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

2Corinthians 4:6: "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

1John 1:7: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

What's more?

1Peter 2:9: "You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Therefore:

Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Ephesians 5:8: "You were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

Am I following Christ, and how strong does His Light shine through my life?

"When He saw the multitudes,
He was moved with compassion
for them, because they were weary
and scattered, like sheep
having no shepherd."

Matthew 9:36

Christ has shown us the way to live humbly and with compassion. Why then must we so live to abide in Him?

1Peter 2:21-24: "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness."

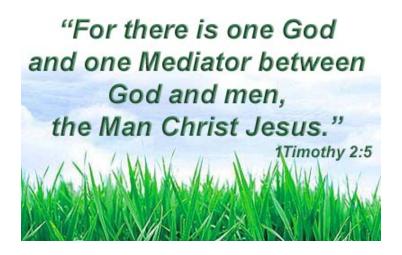
The purpose being:

2Corinthians 5:21: "For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Therefore:

Philippians 2:5-8: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Do I live humbly and with compassion, so I am alive in Christ to the glory of God?



How does the Word of God declare Christ as High Priest and the only mediator between God and man?

Hebrews 8:1: "We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens."

Hebrews 9:15: "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance."

Hebrews 7:25-26: "He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens."

Hebrews 4:15: "We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Therefore:

1John 2:6: "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."

1John 2:28: "Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

Hebrews 7:24: "Because Jesus lives forever, His priesthood lasts forever."

Do I abide in Christ, so I live to truly follow Him?



How does the Word of God define Jesus as King of kings?

1Timothy 6:14-15: "Keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords."

Colossians 1:18 "He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

Ephesians 1:20-21: "He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion."

To Pilate Jesus said:

John 18:37: "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Therefore:

Titus 2:12-13: "We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Why?

Revelation 11:15: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Have I made Christ, King of my life, so I live to follow Him?

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In Jesus' own words, how did He define and characterize Himself? John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 15:5: "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

John 10:11: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

Revelation 1:8: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

John 6:63: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

Why did Christ come to this world?

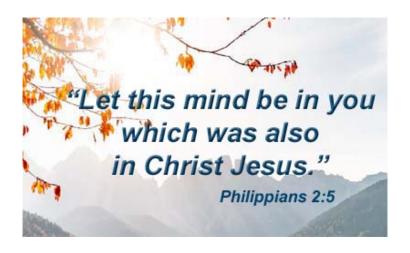
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Matthew 10:38: "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me."

Am I following the Light, the way, the truth and the life, in other words, Christ Jesus the Lord?



As true believers in Christ, how must we live?

Colossians 3:1-4: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." In essence:

Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

The reason Jesus said:

Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Why?

Ephesians 5:8: "For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Therefore:

2Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Does my life reflect true belief in God, so I abide in Christ and follow Him as Lord?