

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; old
things have passed away; behold,
all things have become new.”*

2Cor 5:17

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Would we be labeled as followers of Jesus, as He said in 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,”?

Could we be accused of being witnesses for Christ, confessing Christ as Lord, just as the apostle Peter defined true believers in 1Peter 2:9? “But 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.”

Could the court of law bring witnesses to the fact we are loyal to Christ, are not deceived and reject the passions of the flesh, as Mat 6:24 says, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other?”

Could the court also produce enough witnesses to support that our life is focused on how Christians are defined in the bible, rejecting the world’s philosophies, forgiving and loving with a pure heart?

Would we receive a guilty verdict?

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*“Whoever confesses that
Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God.”*

1John 4:15

**HOW COMMITTED ARE WE
TO CONFESS CHRIST AS SAVIOR
TO THE WORLD AROUND US?**



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What does scripture say about confessing our belief in Christ?

Romans 10:9-10: “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.”

In plain words, it is to truly believe in Christ as Savior, and to confess Him as Lord of our life. Then, shouldn't such an important and glorious event in our life produce the utmost desire to share this good news with everyone we know? After all, we've been born again!

Who else should we share this great message of salvation?

Acts 1:8 states: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Do we realize how important it is to reach out to the world around us for Christ, just as someone else did for us?

Jesus said in Mat 10:32-33, “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Where do we stand with our confession of faith in Christ?

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“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Rom 12:2

**DO OUR ACTIONS & ATTITUDES
TESTIFY TO OUR FAITH IN CHRIST,
IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LIFE?**



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How should true belief in Christ translate into our daily life, whether at home, at work, with friends or even with the world?

Do our actions and attitudes line up with God’s Word, as found in:

Gal 5:16, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Eph 4:2: “With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Eph 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave us.”

Rom 12:17, Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.”

Rom 12:20-21, “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

In other words, is our daily life, our attitude with people no matter where we are, and even through the daily chores of life reflect what Christ expects from us, so as to live to shine His light to the world around us, and abide by our confession of faith?

Finally, here’s what Jesus said in Luke 6:31: “And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.”

How does that reflect in our life right now?

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To the accusation of being a Christian, would our answer be “Guilty as charged” no matter the penalty?



In his book, *Alone with God*, John MacArthur writes, “Believers have been called to salvation to bear the name Christian, and become identified as God’s people.”

As such, what are the attitudes that would clearly differentiate us from the world?

1John 2:15-17: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Gal 5:16-17, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

Col 3:5-6: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.”

As born again believers in Christ, are we ready, determined and committed to live as Christ taught us, no matter the consequences? Will Christ be Lord over our lives or will it be the world?

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