

**General Topics :: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy....****I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy....., on: 2017/10/2 13:07**

I do not want to call myself a christian anymore because of something in my life. I am living in hypocrisy, by being a Christian, I am just giving Christianity a bad reputation by representing it.....

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Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy.... - posted by Oracio (), on: 2017/10/2 13:15

Will be praying for you Evangeline. Just know that God is not willing that you perish but that you come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy.... - posted by Martyr (), on: 2017/10/2 14:22

You should know that being a sinner actually makes you a great candidate for being a Christian. Christ did not come for the righteous. Whatever you're struggling with it is a great opportunity to see the incredible healing power of Christ. Don't give up sister

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy....., on: 2017/10/2 14:23

Dear sister the Lord says where sin abounded grace abounded all the more. Please flee to Jesus. Don't let the devil keep you from fleeing to Him.

I will be praying for you.

Blaine

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/10/2 14:49

Sister,

If the Holy Spirit has clearly shown you an area of bondage that you were not realizing or were living with without strong conviction then praise God. Repent of it and seek to tear it away from your life. Flee to Christ He will forgive and give you the power to overcome and mortify it (Colossians 3).

The more dangerous place to be is practicing a sin and not convicted about it barely and learning to live with it.

Many believers live common-law with other of the opposite sex, commit fornication, steal, cheat, and do many things contrary to the Lord, not seeing wrong in it.

It is the grace of God that leads you to say "no to ungodliness" and the "grace" to overcome is from the Lord.

Being sick of yourself to live in compromise is a good place to be, but do not stay there, go past it to seeking the Lord for victory and repentance.

If we are alone without godly fellowship of other believers on the same journey then we can fall into "self-deception" where we become our own judge, jury, doctor, hospital, (spiritually speaking). We cannot help ourselves alone we need the whole body of Christ.

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy...., on: 2017/10/2 19:18

Thanks for your honesty in an open forum. I experienced the new birth over 25 years ago and I have had my ups and downs. I believe that living in America can be difficult for the sincere seeker of Christ because of all the deception, false teachings, etc., but the scriptures are very clear about the workings of the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who call/cry out to Him:

"35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. 36 "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day" (John 6).

"12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh" 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him" (Romans 6).

"6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (Hebrews).

"14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrew 4).

"Therefore, that I should not become conceited, a thorn in my flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, so that I should not become conceited. 8 Three times I begged the Lord for this, that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace suffices you, for the power is perfected in weakness." Therefore will I boast rather most gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, and difficulties for Christ; for when I might be weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12).

"28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matt. 11).

"1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15).

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/10/2 20:23

Evangeline: I went back and looked over the posts you originated and your responses, then responses to other posts. Your testimony is not one that shows a non-believer but a true believer.

Jesus is not surprised that you are a bigger sinner than you realized. But your realization of it and the inconsistencies of your walk with Jesus does not display a lack of true faith just a lack of true obedience.

I'm not so sure I buy into your "I'm not a Christian because I am a hypocrite." statement. In fact I wonder that instead of making a right judgment of yourself you've made a fundamental error in declaring yourself not a Christian. Namely who but a genuine Christian would care about mis-representing Christians or Jesus for that matter? The false have no qualms about saving their face at the expense of Jesus, you openly declared your disapproval of yourself to save Jesus's face. There is a light-years distance between those two mindsets.

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I don't believe you, seriously I think you failed and now in order to punish yourself you reprove yourself openly. Ok, but a gain that speaks more to genuine conversion and the indwelling Spirit than it does total fakery and deception. I wonder that you've let Satan give you the bad report, you believe it because you've failed (and maybe repeatedly) and so in agreement with him you send us the "Im not worthy of claiming the name Christian" post. All of that is to his glory n of Jesus. Jesus glory is to forgive you, grow you up, mature you even in the midst of many and repeated failures. The spirit in which you've spoken in your own posts is your own advice whether I am right or not. Submit to Jesus your sins and failures, refuse the condemnation of Satan and proceed to walk in those baby-steps of obedience again. Rejoice in those little acts of obedience and know Jesus loves and cares for you. Jesus doesn't love you because you're obedient, he set his grace upon you and loves you, therefore you can be obedient and enjoy the love of your Savior.

Re: - posted by SherlockA (), on: 2017/10/3 0:28

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Definitely i agree with this. Thanks

Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/10/3 5:26

Your born again inner person remains incorruptible in Christ and cannot sin. Our outer person, our fleshly body, has not been born again but lives under the promise of eventual glorification. Son in this flesh we groan and despair looking forward to the day we shall all be changed. When we fail and die in the flesh we feel condemned and let down and we feel as if this is the condition of our inner man - the new person in Christ. It's not. Our new person in Christ is still secure. You sound very much saved just a bit disappointed as we all get. I would recommend reviewing the benefits that were provided for you by Christ's death on the cross. Everything we can ever need for time and eternity was provided for us there.

Blessings.

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy.... - posted by followthelamb, on: 2017/10/3 11:13

Dear sis Evangeline,

I am praying for you!

And whatever hypocrisy or besetting sin is shown to you, don't let it drive you away from Jesus but keep coming to Him with all your struggles as He is the one by His Spirit who can set you free indeed. He knows you better than anyone else, even yourself, and He is not surprised by the weakness of our frame as He came in the flesh to save us.

"For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted." Hebrews 2:18

"Therefore 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." Hebrews 7:25

Whatever occurs PRESS IN TO HIM....By His Spirit, by His Blood you will overcome.

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy.... - posted by followthelamb, on: 2017/10/3 11:20

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." Ephesians 6:16

"And his name" by faith in his name" has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all." Acts 3:16

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through out Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor 15:57

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy.... - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2017/10/3 13:32

Thank God that the Holy Spirit is the One that is giving you this light. Many Christians are living lives that are contrary to what it means to be a Christian and are not even aware of it. The Lord chastens those that He loves, so that we can repent, and so that He can become Lord of all. I have had the Lord convict me at times that my confession of faith was not lining up with my walk. Thank God for His faithfulness!!

Re: I am not a christian, I am living in hypocrisy...., on: 2017/10/3 18:58

I feel I am in a very similar place, Evangeline. I sometimes find it hard to call myself a Christian. The fruit just seems so feeble on my life.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2017/10/3 22:21

Christ in you is the hope of glory. It is not my faith or obedience that is faithful, but His in us. My faith and obedience in this life is pale to what we have in our new life in Christ, as we are resurrected or changed in the twinkling of an eye. "The life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and died for me": Gal 2:20 Praise God in Him that is obedient and will give me the power to be obedient, maybe not in this life but in the next life I am secure in Him and His life in me, "The Hope of Glory": Paul speaks loud and clear; Colossians 1:25-29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

The end of God In Christ, "It is finished"; The word of God fulfilled, Christ in you.

Amen

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/10/4 15:40

Evangeline: pardon me for asking.

Your post has garnered over 650 views, numerous ones given you counsel, many others offered prayer and no doubt others prayed for you as well, others offered encouragement and scripture to help you recover. Yet no response to any of them? I am puzzled.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2017/10/4 16:12

â€œThe Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirsâ€”heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.â€”Romans 8:16-17

Evangeline, ultimately, it is Godâ€™s Spirit who will bear witness with your spirit that youâ€™re a child of God if that is indeed the case. The best we can do as Christians is seek to test your fruit to see of what sort it is, as Jesus said weâ€™ll know people by their fruit. If I knew you personally in real life Iâ€™d be in a better position to test your fruit. And if you werenâ€™t doubting your salvation here on this forum Iâ€™d have to give you the benefit of the doubt that youâ€™re a true believer in Christ unless I had good reason to believe otherwise. Since I donâ€™t know you personally and since in your OP you are doubting your salvation, I donâ€™t believe itâ€™d be that safe or wise for me to say for sure whether I believe youâ€™re saved or born again; even though you do seem to believe the truths of God's Word and show a big interest in speaking of the things of God here.

If you have not done so, Iâ€™d encourage you to check out Paul Washerâ€™s sermon titled, â€œExamine Yourself": <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=12829&commentView=itemComments>

That sermon can do one of two things for us (among others). It can serve either to confirm our faith in Christ if we are in Him, or it can serve to convict and convince us of our unregenerate state and hopefully drive us to Christ in true repentance and faith in Him.