

Base Your beliefs God's Holy Written Word

A Message to the Unbeliever

Don't ever deceive yourself, or allow yourself to become deceived into believing that God really doesn't care what you believe, just as long as you're sincere, or as long as you're a good person and don't do anything real bad. Don't deceive yourself into believing that since God is a loving God, He's not going to send anybody to hell...

When you don't choose Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you've just made the biggest mistake a human being can make!

If you do not change, and make the decision of receiving Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life, and act upon it, you will not be forgiven. The one sin God cannot forgive you of is not accepting His Son, Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.

John 16:8,9: And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;

John 14:6: ...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Some people reject Jesus by not receiving Him as their Lord and Savior, for whatever the reason may be. Others denounce Jesus, or deny that Jesus Christ is Lord. This isn't something you ever want to play with. Do not neglect so great a salvation. Hebrews 2:3: **How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;**

There is nothing more important to accomplish in life than receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord. The way to heaven today has been the same ever since Jesus died on a cross, was buried, and resurrected from the dead. In this dispensation, the only way anyone, whether Jewish, gentile, protestant or Catholic, can get to heaven, is through Jesus Christ. If you haven't done this, you'd better do it right now.

I didn't make up the rules. I was just as stunned, or shocked, as anyone else has been who grew up in a Christian church, thinking they're a Christian because they went to church, or were baptized, or took communion, or believed in God, Jesus, Peter, Paul and Mary. It upset me when I found out that these things don't save you. But, if I had died that way, I'd have gone to hell. It was shocking to me to find out that I needed to be saved, or born again through Jesus Christ. John 3:3: **...Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

I didn't like born again people. I didn't trust or believe them; some of them had done me wrong, *if not all of them*, but that made no difference with the truth of God's Word.

You may say you're of a Christian faith, or you're Catholic, or protestant, and you don't like or understand born again Christians because you don't trust them, you think most or all of them are hypocrites, you think they're a cult, mentally incompetent, you see all the wrongs, faults and sins in their lives, they're too pushy, they annoy you and offend you, they talk too much about Jesus, they're lazy, dishonest, and they read the Bible all the time, they make you angry, upset, irritated and agitated... And they always will, just like they did me, until I received Jesus Christ as my Lord.

The other day, as I was walking up to the counter of a coffee shop, I heard a lady say to a fellow employee, *"Those born again Christians are crazy."*

I spoke up and said, *"I'm a born again Christian and I'm not crazy."*

She said, *"We're not allowed to talk about politics or religion."*

I said, *"You were already talking about it before I came in. I didn't start the conversation."* I said, *"Can you tell me what it means to be born again Christian?"* She couldn't, so I proceeded to tell her. *"It's someone who has received Jesus as their Lord."*

There is nothing that could upset you more, if you're not born again, than that born again relative, neighbor, or coworker that you have. And all we're trying to do is flag you down when we tell you about our Jesus. We born again Christians - we don't think we're better than you; we don't think God loves us more than you - we're all aware of our shortcomings, sins, and faults. Many of our shortcomings try to control us and keep us from telling you about Jesus Christ.

We're not a weird religion. We are a peculiar people, as it is written in 1 Peter 2:9: **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

We don't care if you stay in your Catholic or protestant church, or Jewish synagogue, or stay home on Sundays and watch football on TV. We're not trying to get you to join our church (*though we may invite you to it to hear the gospel and/or to help you grow spiritually.*)

We're not building our kingdom. All we're trying to do is what Jesus told us to do: Be a witness. Mark 16:15,16: **...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

Acts 1:8: **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

We witness whether we want to or not, feel like doing it or not, or feel qualified or not, because we love you, and we're trying to obey God to the best of our ability. We want you to be saved, so when you die, you get to go be with Jesus in heaven.

So the next time you're tempted to criticize a born again Christian whom you know, who knows you, I want you to remember this: They're the only person you know who is praying that you'll be saved. The only reason they bring up Jesus to you when they are around you is because they've got your best interest at heart.

They're not stupid. They know you don't like what they're saying. They know they annoy you, but they'd rather see you make heaven than perish in hell. So, other than maybe your mother, there's no one more concerned about you than the person who's witnessing to you.

Born again Christians are like the person who's standing in the middle of the interstate trying to flag you down to let you know the bridge is out. We're trying to get you to stop, repent and turn around and go in the other direction.

So, the next time your family, friends or associates are making jokes about born again Christians, or criticizing them, think twice before you join in. They may be the best friend you ever had. They love you more than they care about what you think of them.

I know I thank God for the people who told me about Jesus. It takes courage to share Jesus, and it takes courage to receive Him as your Lord and Savior, so do it now:

PRAYER TO RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST

AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR

God, I come before You today on my knees as humbly as I know how to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I believe in my heart and I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He took all my sins when He went to the cross, died and was buried, has risen from the dead, and is alive forevermore!

I receive Jesus today as my Lord and Savior, for You said, **...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved** (Acts 2:21).

You also said that whosoever comes to You, You will in no wise cast out (John 6:37). So, I have confidence that You will receive me now.

God, I don't want anything to keep me from going to heaven, so I thank You that You always direct my paths in this life. You said in 1 John 1:9, **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** I thank You, Lord, for forgiving me of all my sins, known and unknown.

According to 2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21, I am now a new creature in Christ Jesus; old things have passed away and all things have become new! I have been made the righteousness of God in Christ.

Thank You, Father God, for saving me, for forgiving me of all my sins and cleansing me with the blood of Jesus. Now You are my heavenly Father, and Jesus is my Lord and Savior! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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