

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Romans 8:1-17

(vv.1-2)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

It is _____ we have been liberated that there is no condemnation

(vv.3-4) Fulfilled _____ us not _____ us (v.4)

...those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Romans 5:17

The Difference Between Unbelievers and Believers:

1. A Christian has a change in _____ (v.5)

set their minds-phroneo-to exercise the mind, i.e., entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience)

2. A change in _____ (v.6)

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,20 idolatry, sorcery (pharmakia), enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (lit. faith), 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:19-23

3. A change in _____ (vv.7-8)

From _____ please God to _____ to please God
Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. Romans 8:7-8 (NIV)

4. A Christian's primary characteristic is that a believer has the _____ (vv.9-10)

"Dwell" or "Lives" means _____
Dwell-oikeo- to occupy a house, i.e., reside (figuratively, inhabit, remain, inhere); by implication to cohabit

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:15-17 (NIV)

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:12 (ESV)

How do I know I'm a Christian? (vv.11-17)

1. _____ (v.11)

Life-zoopoieo-to (re-) vitalize (literally or figuratively)

2. A desire to do _____ (vv.12-13)

3. _____ (v.14)

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. John 14:26-27

4. Relates to God out of _____ not _____ (vv.15-17)

_____ then _____ (Suffering)