

Who is a Christian Part II?
LESSON THREE IN THE SALVATION SERIES
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We have discussed in previous lessons the two natures: natural man, spiritual man—old man, new man. We're challenged by the word in Ephesians 4:22-24, to pull off the old man,—conversation—and be renewed in the spirit of our mind. We discussed the three types of Christians:

- Christians who don't waiver from their faith. They are saved.
- Those who are saved but aren't sure of their salvation.
- Those who are not saved but think they are.

We have discussed what a Christian is not. A Christian is not someone who...

- just goes to church on Sundays,
- someone who gives money and donations to the church,
- a person who is baptized or sprinkled.
- someone who just goes about doing good works;
- Nor is a Christian someone who keeps the Ten Commandments.

Then who is a Christian? Romans 3:23 teaches, *...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me* (Ps. 51:5). It is clear that we were born sinners. Sin was our inheritance, but Jesus, through the shedding of Blood on Calvary cleansed us from the inheritance of sin and gave us the blessed hope of sonship—heirs and joint heirs with Christ Jesus. Now we're the sons of God. (see John 3:16) Everlasting life is promised to those who believe in God through the Blood of Jesus. You become a Christian when you earnestly realize that you need God. In feeling godly sorrow for your sins, you then repent by asking God for forgiveness and receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior over your life. Through His death, Jesus paid for our sins on the cross by the shedding of Blood. Belief in the Blood of Jesus is what makes you a Christian. Now that you're a Christian you must learn to develop a relationship with God. In order to have a proper relationship with Him you must spend time with Him doing things that bore the flesh, like reading the word of God, fasting, coming to church, paying tithes, speaking to people and loving the unlovable. One must never forget satan is at work—seventeen negatives in the flesh working against your spirit, and nine positives working against your flesh.

Galatians 5

1Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Here, the apostle Paul is referring to your...

- flesh,
- your body,
- your passions,

- your emotions.

Don't let them get the best of you. There are 17 negatives which are important for you to know about, which are working against your spirit, and nine positives that are working against your flesh. These two are working together in the engine of your existence just as a car battery generates energy using positive and negative forces. Before we reveal to you the 17 negatives it is important for you to know and note that the minute salvation begins satan starts working on the death of your new life. The things that never bothered you before now become a problem. The regenerated man houses two natures that are fighting for possession of one body. Herein lies the struggles of most who find themselves questioning their salvation due to the struggle that is taking place between spirit man and carnal nature. Many things about ourselves are not realized until after we receive salvation. This is what I often refer to as the "shock factor." It can be a rude awakening to discover some of the things that have been secretly dwelling within us and this is what shakes us, gives us a reality check, and one of the things that causes us to sometimes doubt our salvation.

17 WORKS OF THE FLESH THE OLD MAN	9 FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT THE NEW MAN
Adultery,	love
fornication,	joy
uncleanness,	peace
lasciviousness,	longsuffering
Idolatry,	gentleness
witchcraft,	goodness
hatred,	faith
variance,	meekness
emulations,	temperance
wrath,	
strife,	
seditions,	
heresies,	
Envyings,	
murders,	
drunkenness,	
revellings	

Let me close this morning's lesson by reading to you Colossians 3:1-4

1If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.