

How Do I Know I'm Saved (A Christ Follower)

John 15:1-5, 16

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"The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly." ~ Soren Kierkegaard

"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus." ~ Max Lucado

Why does the New Testament go to great lengths to distinguish between those who follow Christ and those who follow the world? Because the world needed to know that a transformation takes place when a person is saved:

A transformed heart produces a transformed life, period!

Spiritual Truth: Practicing spiritual disciplines produce spiritual fruit

How do I know I'm Saved (A Christ Follower)? Salvation is a transformational experience, not just a one time event. It is the process of God reconciling us to Himself so that we can live to glorify Him.

This transformational experience includes: conviction of sin, repentance of sin, forgiveness of sin, cleansing from sin, transformed lives of holiness and righteous living.

How do you know you are saved? John 15:1-5, 16

- 1. Abide in Christ
- 2. Remember that you have been chosen to go and bear fruit
- Make sure your fruit remains as evidence that you are a Christ follower

As you do this, you bring glory to God which is your purpose on planet earth.