

# MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

## Part 1: Faith / Belief

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### Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*

### I. Faith Is an Identifying Mark of a Christian

The series begins by considering the identifying marks that distinguish a Christian. The first mark is **faith / belief**.

### II. The Content of Faith Is Biblical Truth

- There is a God who is real and who has a plan for His creation.
- Mankind has rebelled against His plans through sin.
- God, in His great love, provided a way to redeem mankind.
- **Jesus is the Way.**

### III. Faith Requires Personal Belief

- The truths God has revealed are personally accepted as truth.
- Acceptance of the truth is the work of God.

### IV. Faith Means Trusting and Embracing the Truth

Trusting and embracing the truth revealed by the Spirit becomes the basis for **living and walking in a new reality**.

### V. The Mark of Faith: A New Reality in Christ

Second Corinthians 5:17 describes the result: the person who is in Christ is a **new creature**. The old things have passed away, and new things have come.

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**Main Idea:** Biblical faith is not merely knowing Christian truth. It is personally believing, trusting, and embracing the truth God reveals, resulting in a new way of living in Christ.