

# Things We Are Willing And Love To Talk About In Church

Blessing

Success

Encouragement

**A Truth We Dare**

**Not Say Out Loud**

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Loud**

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# Is It Difficult To Be A Christian

**Matt 7:13** Because narrow *is* the gate and **difficult is the way which leads to life**, and there are **few who find it**.

**Acts 14:22** “We must through **many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God.

**2 Tim 3:12** Yes, and **all who desire to live godly** in Christ Jesus **will suffer persecution**.

# Is It Difficult To Be A Christian

**“When Someone Hurts You And  
You Want To Get Even”**

**Beloved, do not avenge  
yourselves... for it is written,  
‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’  
says the Lord.” Rom 12:19**

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**When No One Is Watching, No Will Find Out, And  
Dishonesty Will Benefit You**

**Dishonest scales are an  
abomination to the Lord, but a  
just weight is His delight.”**

**Prov 11:1**

# **Is It Difficult To Be A Christian**

**When Your Desire Is Stronger  
Than Your Discipline**

**“For this is the will of God, your  
sanctification: that you should  
abstain from sexual immorality.”**

**1 Thess 4:3**

# Is It Difficult To Be A Christian

**When You're Tired And Selfishness Whispers  
"Let Somebody Else You Have Done Enough"**

**"Let us not grow weary in  
doing good." Gal 6:9-10**



# The Truth We Discover In These moments

**MOMENTS WHEN OUR FLESH WINS**

**MOMENTS WHEN OUR WILL BREAKS**

**Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in  
heaven is perfect. Matt 5:48**







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*Scripture Reading 2 Cor 5:21*

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# The Beauty of The Gospel

Let Go Of Your Pride & Grab Hold Of The Gospel



**The Perfect Life  
The Perfect Obedience  
The Perfect Righteousness**



For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Cor 5:21



# God's Righteous Standard Is Perfect



Rom 3:11-12 There is **none righteous**, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> There is **none who understands**; There is none who seeks after God. <sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside; They have turned their backs to God; There is **none who does good**, no, not one.



**All Done Rom 3:23**

Because it is **Wrong thoughts** 1 John 2:16  
**Wrong words** Col 4:6  
**Wrong in-action** Jas 4:17  
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**Dedicated or consecrated to God**  
**Moral and Spiritual Excellence**

Ecc 7:20 "For there is **not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin.**"

**ADAM DNA Rom 5:12 and 5:19**

**"If Following God Feels Too Hard To You"!**



# Sin Makes Righteousness Impossible



**James 2:10** “Whoever shall keep the whole law and **yet stumble in one point**, he is guilty of all.”

**All It Takes Is One Sin To Throw Me Into The Fire”**  
**God Knows My Heart** **It Later Eph 5:16**

**It’s Just The Way I Am** **A Deal Rom 6:23**  
**At Least I Am Not \_\_\_\_\_?** **Or At Least I \_\_\_\_\_?**



**Pet Sin Is \_\_\_\_\_ Comfortable**

**Isaiah 64:6** “All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.” Even our best efforts cannot erase sin.

**Matt 19:27** “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looks at them and says, “**With man this is impossible**, but with God all things are possible.

**“If Following God Feels Too Hard For You”!**



# Jesus Is God's Answer To Our Sin



**Heb 4:15** For we do not sympathize with our weaknesses, *we are*, yet without sin



Something **at The Cross**

**2 Cor 5:21** "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might become** the righteousness of God in Him."

**The Exchange What Adam's Offense Brought & Jesus Gift Gave Rom 5**

**Adam=condemnation but Jesus' gift brought justification vs 16**

**Adam= judgement but Jesus gift brought grace and righteousness vs 17**

**What Must I Do To Receive The Righteousness of Jesus**

**How Does One Get Placed In Jesus ROM 6:3-4**

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God Does Not Expect Us To Reach Righteousness Without Jesus  
When Following God Get's Too Hard Try Jesus

**Anger**

**Greed**

**Lust**

**Pride**

**Lack of  
Patience**

**Lack of  
Gentleness**

**Lack of  
Kindness**

**Lack of Self-  
Control**

**Vengeance**

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**Unforgiveness**

**Beauty of The Gospel**

**God Came Down To You**

**Dishonesty**

**When Following God Gets Too Hard**

**Try Following Jesus Matt 10:30**

