
Authentic
CHRISTIANITY
IN A FAKE WORLD

- Is this real?

- The world is looking for AUTHENTICITY

- The world is watching the Church

- How do we show the world authentic Christianity?

First: We don’t pretend we are perfect

Romans 3:22-24

“This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

We have all sinned, and fall short of God's standard.

Matthew 26:33-35

Second: Authentic Christians are seen as growing Christians

Philippians 1:6

“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Luke 19:1-10

“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him,

Luke 19:1-10

“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.””

Third: Our goal is that our words and actions are consistent

How many people have left a church saying they don't want to be around a *bunch of hypocrites?*

You can carry a Bible, post verses online and yet fail to live by it.

We must **know** Jesus,
not simply **know about** Jesus.

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Five Ways the World is looking for authenticity

1 Genuine relationships instead of superficial connections.

2 Compassion instead of condemnation.

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Integrity instead of hypocrisy.

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Real hope instead of empty optimism.

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Service to others instead of self promotion.

1. Is my faith authentic?

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3. Is my life pointing people to Jesus?