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"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20

Mission Harvest Baptist Church

First Sunday Service: Christians in the Bible Belt

Intro: Tennessee is in the top five "most-churched states in the nation." Geographically, it is the "buckle of the Bible belt." In most cases, the idea of being Christian and in church on Sunday morning is synonymous with being Southern. But the Bible says in John 4:24 that those who worship Him must worship Him "in spirit and in **truth**." The term "Christian" is first and foremost God's term – and He reserves the right to say, "that's what it means to be Christian, and this is what it is not."

Key Question: Am I a _____?

Prov. 18:13 –

Christian –

1. Being a Christian is a personal _____. (Acts 26:27-28; Rom. 10:9, 13; John 1:12)

It's not something you're _____ into.

It's not something you _____ for yourself. (Eph. 2:8-9)

It's not something bestowed unto you by another.

*It is taking the words of God at face value, causing you to place ALL your faith and trust in His promise to **save**.*

It is believing and accepting the GOSPEL. (John 1:12- as many as RECEIVED him...)

2. Being a Christian is to be a _____. (Acts 11:20-21; Acts 11:25-26)

Disciple –

Every _____ is a _____, but not every _____ is a _____.

Christians don't become disciples...disciples become Christians.

Being a Christian (disciple) involves loving other believers like Jesus did (John 13:35)

3. Being a Christian involves _____. (1 Pet. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:12)

Question for Introspection: Is there enough _____ to support the claim that you are a Christian?

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24