

“Common Misconceptions of the Christian Life”

“But he who practices the truth comes to the light,” John 3:21a

A Fire Escape

- + To believe in Christ means not only to Acknowledge who He is but also Commit oneself to Him.
- + John 3:18
 - “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
- + James 2:19
 - “You believe that God is one, You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. Many people view salvation merely as an Insurance policy Against suffering the torment of Hell.
- + Some Christians take a Light attitude toward Sin in their daily life.
- + Romans 6:15,22
 - “What then are we to conclude? Shall we sin because we live not under law but under God’s favor and mercy? Certainly not! But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life.” (Amplified)
- + 1 John 1:6
 - “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;”
- + Galatians 5:13
 - “For you have been called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh,”
- + Some Christians believe the benefits of Christ are available only after we Die.
- + Christianity is more than just a way to Die but it’s a way to Live.
- + Philippians 1:21
 - “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Legalism

- + Many people think that Christianity is a list of Does and Don’ts.
- + We are called to a life of Holiness.
- + 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - “but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; Because it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”
- + It shows our Love for Him.
- + John 14:21
 - “He who has My commandments and keeps them he it is who loves Me;...”
- + Legalism—attempting to live up to God’s standard by One’s own Efforts.
- + Christianity does not mean Morality it means Godliness.
- + The Pharisees.
- + Matthew 23:23-26
 - “...First clean the Inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the Outside may be clean also.”

The Key

- + 2 Corinthians 3:6
 - For the letter Kills but the Spirit gives Life.
- + Christianity is not what We do for God but what God does for us.

- + Romans 8:4
 - “In order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”
- + Hebrews 13:20-21
 - “...Jesus Christ our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight,...”