

Assignment: Sermon Outline

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What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?

Introduction: To be saved, there are steps that have to be taken

- Though we call these the “Steps of Salvation”, these are not simply boxes to be checked off, genuine and authentic intention is required
- Many take Ephesians 2:8 out of context, we are indeed saved by grace and faith, but not by them alone. Brett Hogland’s sermon “Of What Faith Are You?” Is a good resource for this

Discussion:

- **Becoming a Christian.**
 - Hearing/studying the word of God to accept it as the infallible source of doctrine (Romans 10:14-15; 2 Timothy 3:16)
 - Belief (Mark 16:16). [Faith is considered a work by Christ, John 6:28-29]
 - Repentance (Acts 17:30)
 - Confession (Romans 10:9)
 - Baptism (Acts 2:37-38). [Calling on the name of the Lord is this, not the sinner’s prayer, 1 Peter 3:21; Matthew 7:21-23]
 - Live faithfully (Revelation 2:10)
- **Being a Christian in the Church**
 - Assembling with the saints (Hebrews 10:24-27). [Those who say they're "spiritual but not religious"]
 - Learning and defending Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15; Galatians 2:11-13, 1:6-9; Romans 16:17)
 - Build leadership within the church (Titus 2:3-5; Ephesians 4:11-14). [Different from authority (elders); leadership is synonymous with influence - teaching, preaching, maintaining the building, hospitality, mentoring]
- **Being a Christian in the World** [Christians should not be two-faced, the person seen at worship services should be the same person seen in public]
 - Be a living sermon (Romans 12:18-21; Hebrews 13:2; Galatians 6:10; “The World’s Bible” hymn)
 - Seeking the lost (Matthew 28:18-20, 13:1-9) [“Seeker sensitive” churches do NOT go about this the right way, Luke 16:31]
 - Speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15; Titus 2:7-8; 2 Timothy 4:1-5)

Conclusion:

- What it means to be a Christian is someone who lives a life that is obedient to God’s word, and we ought to strive to live in a way that others see us as an example of how a Christian ought to conduct themselves.