

Walk With Jesus When It's Cool, And When It's Not

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"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:30-31).

All Talk?

Don't just talk about it. Be about it. It is easy to talk a good game when it comes to living a holy life, but living the reality is an entirely different thing. How we relate to Christ makes all the difference in the world.

We are living in a time when it has become popular to be a Christian. We can fill stadiums with people for our seminars, hold web conferences with thousands of participants, advertise mission trips to the far reaches of the globe in mainstream media, and even have open Bible discussions during political debates. Yet, there is an eerie conflict between what we say and what we do. The problem is not with our assent to faith or our profession; it's with our lip-syncing the message when people are watching. If we would begin to live the message of Christ in all authenticity, rather than relying on the display and pomp of broadcasting true words, we would hasten the coming of our Lord and change the world in the process.

Walk The Walk With Jesus

Do you realize how vital Jesus is to us? The Bible says He is our wisdom. Do you remember that when you lack wisdom at work, home, or in school? When you need help solving life's problems, do you pray for Jesus to flood your mind with His essence? Do you surrender your confusion in exchange for His clarity in both the complex and mundane things of life?

The Bible says that Jesus is our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. When you sin, do you pray for God to deliver you and give you the righteousness of Christ? Do you study His life and ask for His presence so you can follow His example? Do you give thanks always that He gave His life for you? How does this impact your relationships? Does it make you more loving, kind, generous, understanding, and patient?

Don't be fooled by our ability to put on a good show and feel great doing it. Don't let the fact that we can freely say, "Jesus" in a sentence lull you into complacency. Don't let outward profession or assent to truth replace deep yearning for relationship with God and a willingness to do all He commands. It's easy to talk the Christian talk, but divine to walk it.