

"Why Christianity Doesn't Work"

Polls show that many people consider themselves "Spiritual" while rejecting Christianity. Many people are cynical about the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and often with good reason. This passage explains the difference between cultural Christianity and Biblical faith.

1. Everyone:

- A. Who _____ **"pisteuo"** **V.1**
- Means – _____, to place _____ in,
to _____ upon,
(Not mere _____) **Acts 16:31**
- That **JESUS** – "Jehovah is _____" ... Savior
- Is **The CHRIST** – the _____ one of God; Messiah
- B. And is _____ - **"gennao"**
- to _____ **John 3:1-17**

2. Everyone who does these 2 things:

- A. Loves the _____ – **V.1**
B. Loves the _____ of God. **V. 2**
C. Obeys His _____. **V.3 (not "burdensome")**
(easy to do because it comes out of a love _____)

3. The opposite is just as true. If a person never Believes and is never Born of God, they will:

- Never _____ the Father.
- Never _____ the children of God.
- Never _____ His commandments.

4. The issue is:

- _____ Christianity? (bad)
- OR Spiritual _____ (great)
 - the "18 Inch Journey" – from _____ to _____.

5. Nine changes that take place:

(with "Believing" and being "Born of God")

- A. The Holy Spirit tells you that you are a _____ of God. **Rom 8:16-17**
- B. A new _____ of sin. **John 16:8-10**
- C. _____ come. (attitudes) **2 Corinthians 5:17**

- D. Love for the _____ of Christ. **1 John 3:14**
 - being _____ them.
 - _____ alongside them
- E. A desire to _____ what Christ has done for you.
Mt. 4:19
- F. Growing hunger for _____. **1 Peter 2:2**
- G. A growing need to _____. (instinct) **Psalms 42:1**
- H. An increase in _____. **2 Timothy 3:12**
- I. A desire to _____ God because you love Him. **1 Sam. 2:30**

6. These changes come because there is a _____ change.
They become ... _____ their Father.

7. The Biggest Surprise in the Universe is when the Father tells
_____ people upon their death ... they cannot enter Heaven,
because He does not _____ them.

... Because they never ...

Matthew 7:22-23