

# **What is it to Accept Christ?**

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## I. What is it to accept Christ? (2 Peter 1:10)

A. There are few things that matter much in the world. There are few things that are a matter of life or death.

B. Some things are essential though.

1. A compass on the ocean.

2. Water in the desert.

3. One's relationship with Christ.

a. We are either right or we are wrong.

b. Avoiding it is making absolutely sure that one will perish.

## II. How do I come into saving relationship with Jesus Christ?

A. Three answers (usually interchangeable).

1. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 16)

2. Receive Christ. (John 1:12)

3. Accept Christ.

a. Being used as a panacea for all problems worldwide.

b. What does this really mean?

B. The fatality of easy acceptance.

1. It makes the whole attitude wrong.

2. Christ does not cater to our pleasures - He is the sovereign Lord.

3. Accepting Christ without following Him is the same as the Israelites staying in Egypt after the Passover.

4. The example of the Prodigal Son who never returned.

C. Christ was very clear about it.

1. There was always a clear mark of demarcation concerning repentance and salvation.

2. Today churches sell out the message to get members.

D. To accept Christ is to form an attachment with Christ that is revolutionary and complete - it leaves no part of the life unaffected.

1. The really saved man has found Jesus Christ the supreme interest in his life.

2. A modern heresy is Lordship - you cannot accept Christ in pieces.

3. The offices of Jesus cannot be divided.

E. To accept Christ is to...

1. Accept Christ's friends as our friends.

2. Have a moral sweetness about one's life.

3. Accept Jesus' enemies as our own.

4. Never get along without the stigmata of the cross.

- a. We should always keep something of the shame of the cross on us.

- b. We must accept the cross that he accepted.

F. Being filled with the Spirit.

1. Dying with Jesus.

2. Accepting Jesus' cross as our cross.

3. Then getting off of the cross.

G. His future is your future.

1. We should not want to go anywhere where Jesus cannot go.

2. There is no compromise.

3. The example of a preacher friend who would spend six months to search his own heart.

**Application questions.**

1. What does it mean to accept Christ? What are some modern misconceptions?

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2. What is the relationship between Christ as Savior and Christ as Lord? Explain.

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3. The speaker calls the audience to reflect: are you sure that when you accepted Christ you were really saved? How does the speaker affirm we can know?

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