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What The World Really Needs

A Real Christian! Over and over again I am finding that this definition is changing in our society. Some say that being a Real Christian would involve things like giving money to the poor, feeding the hungry, or being nice to someone in the checkout line. Some would even say that you can't know the real definition because there are so many different interpretations of the Bible and so many different types of Christians that you can't know the truth. I even read this from so-called Christians today. A recent "Christian" book states how Christ never spoke of absolutes but only according to your understanding and background were you able to live for him.

All of this is fine as long as you don't open your Bible and actually read what Jesus said and what the Bible clearly teaches. First of all, Jesus said in John 14:6 "**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" This is just one verse of many where Jesus Himself expresses that the only way to God is through Him exclusively.

The problem today is that many do not want the whole package when it comes to Jesus: mainly His life, death, burial and resurrection. He actually lived a sinless life, and expects us, through the power of the same Holy Spirit, to live a holy life. He was crucified for our sins. If we are as good as we say we are, then why did Jesus Christ have to die on the cross? He gave His life because we ARE sinners and need a savior. His burial teaches us to deny our old lives, our old desires, submitting them all to Christ. To die to self is found in scripture over and over again. Then Christ also offers us new life. This is shown in His resurrection. Christ can make each of us a new creature as is shown in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**" This is the hope of the Christian life-- Christ living in me through the person of the Holy Spirit, conforming me into the image of Himself. This is real Christianity!

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