



*From Where I Sit . . .*

## **“On Becoming A Christian”**

**B**ecoming a Christian should be a very special event in anyone’s life. It should therefore come at a time in one’s life when they can more fully understand the beauty and the significance of it.

1. It is a burial into the death of Jesus -- Rom. 6:3-6; Col. 2:12
2. It is the beginning of new walk --Rom. 6:3-6
3. It is an expression of the faith we have in God to raise us from spiritual death -- Col 2:12.
4. It is an act of total surrender in repentance predicated upon a realization that we are dead in sin – Rom. 6:1-3
5. It is the process of becoming one with Christ, much like a marriage ceremony -- Gal. 3:26-27.

All candidates for baptism should consider well and count the cost:

**Luke 14:25-33** *“And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, :26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. :27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. :28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? :29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, :30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. :31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? :32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. :33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”*

### **THINGS ONE MUST KNOW BEFORE BECOMING A CHRISTIAN**

1. That there is a God – John 17:3
2. That Christ is His only begotten Son – John 3:16
3. That sin separates us from God – Isa. 59:1-2; Romans 3:10; 3:23;
4. That sin is deserving of death, and thus one died for all that all might live – Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:15
5. That God became flesh in the form of Jesus and was born of a virgin – John 1:1-14; Matt 1:20-21
6. I must understand the good confession: that Jesus is truly the only begotten of the Father – Matt 10:32-33
7. That all who are accountable will have to stand before God – 2 Cor. 5:10

### **WHO CAN BE BAPTIZED?**

1. Not babies – Ezek. 18:20; Matt. 18:1-3
2. Those who hear – Rom. 10:17; John 5:24
3. Those who believe – Heb. 11:6; Mark 16:16
4. Those who repent – Acts 17:30; Acts 2:38 (One must know he is in sin in order to be able to repent).
5. Those who confess Jesus Christ (Matt. 10:32-33 ) – one must understand what he is confessing.

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