

## SAVED VS. DISCIPLE

### John 6:58-69

A majority of believers think because they are saved that they automatically become Jesus disciples. Then conversely, many of Jesus disciples think that because they are people who study after Jesus and become followers of Him that they automatically are saved, born again Christians. This is not true.

**I Corinthians 15:1-4** A born again believer is one who hears and understands the gospel of Christ and then receives Christ as savior putting their hope and trust 100% in His finished work without bringing anything from themselves in order to obtain salvation.

**John 6:61-66** Jesus indicates some disciples were not believers. A disciple is a person who follows and learns from someone else belief system or doctrine and assists in spreading this doctrine to others.

\***Mark 8:34-38; II Corinthians 6:14-18** To be Christ's disciple we must be set apart from the world.

\***John 8:31-32; I Samuel 28:18** A true disciple of Christ must pass the supreme test of obedience.

\***John 15:5-8** The job of a disciple of Christ is to abide in Him and produce fruit that will last.

\***John 13:34-35; I John 3:10** A real disciple of Christ will love all brothers and sisters in the Lord.

\***Matthew 28:18-20** Every disciple is to evangelize their immediate family and area of influence.

## BELIEVERS DILEMMA

**Matthew 11:28; John 3:16; Romans 10:9-13** These scriptures and others show that salvation is an invitation to unbelievers to accept Christ as savior without bringing any good works or anything else. Jesus invites us to "come unto Him" and he doesn't request a check list of requirements, it is free!!

\***Matthew 16:24** Contrasting our free salvation is the humanly difficult requirement of being Jesus disciple. Here we see a hard lesson that Peter was learning. To be a genuine disciple of Christ one must deny self at all cost. We must be able to distinguish the spiritual from the worldly. One must put aside human emotion from spiritual truth and turn from selfishness to self-sacrifice.

**John 4:10; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9** Every true believers has received a free gift from God, eternal life without any stipulations or strings attached. Fully paid for by Christ's finished work.

\***Romans 12:1** If we want to be a disciple of Christ it is up to us to supply the gift to Him. We must be willing to turn away from all our wants, dreams, and desires and turn our entire being over to Christ.

**John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-28; Romans 10:13** These verses and more give proof that putting our faith and trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life only has to happen one time and one time only.

\***Luke 9:23; 14:26; I Corinthians 15:31** Making a discipleship decision to obey, commit, learn and follow Jesus Christ is a daily if not hourly decision.

**Romans 8:1, 8-11, 28-30, 33-39** Once a person receives Christ as savior there is never a question whether or not that individual is saved and safe from any eternal destiny other than heaven.

\***Matthew 13:20-21; Luke 14:25-35; II Timothy 4:10** Many believers have made the decision to be Christ's disciple only to allow the cares of family, friends, fortune or tribulation to side track them.

**Ephesians 2:5-9** Salvation is all about God's amazing grace, constantly getting blessing after blessing from God on a daily basis. Totally undeserved, He gives grace unconditionally without end.

\***Acts 9:36; I Corinthians 15:10; II Corinthians 11:21-28** Being His disciple means work, toil, heartache, discouragement, harassment, pain, sorrow, jail, loneliness, hours of studying and praying.

**John 3:16; Romans 5:8** Our eternal life, our salvation is the result of what someone else did for us.

\***Matthew 16:27; John 4:35-36; Revelation 22:12** There is coming a time, a judgment day, when eternal rewards will be the result of a discipleship program when we served our Lord voluntarily.