

# Embracing the Call of a True Follower of Jesus Christ



**Isaiah 60:1-3; Ephesians 5:1-17**

- **The Believer must allow the Holy Spirit to transform his thinking about what it means to be a Christian, a disciple and a true follower of Jesus Christ. (Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 23:7, Luke 6:45-46)**
  
- A. God is sounding the alarm for His church (the body of Christ), to arise and reach out to our world that is trenched in darkness.**
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  - **The Purpose: to teach us the significance of embracing Jesus Christ’s teaching and following His example as true disciples.**
  - **The Goal: for every person to make Jesus Christ clear and visible to the world around them.**
  - **The Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Authority, Obedience, Unconditional Love, Agreement, Faith, Grace**
  - **The Objective: 1.) Embrace the Call of a True Disciple, 2.) Embrace the Walk of a True Follower of Jesus Christ, 3.) Embrace Christ’s Call to Witness, 4.) Embrace Christ’s Call to Love and Serve Others, 5.) Embrace Christ’s Authority**
  
- B. There are Seven Things that every True Disciple should remember about Jesus Christ (Matthew 9:35-38)**
  - 1. Jesus Christ’s message. (vs. 35)**
  - 2. Jesus Christ’s commitment. (vs. 35)**
  - 3. What Jesus Christ saw that was both moving and concerning to Him. (vs. 36)**
  - 4. What Jesus Christ said to His disciples. (37-38)**
  - 5. What happened when Jesus called His disciples. (Matthew 4:19-22)**

**C. Why did Jesus spend time teaching His disciples after He called them? There are Three Things that are important as a disciple of Jesus Christ:**

- 1. Hearing and obeying Jesus Christ's teaching.**
- 2. Following Jesus Christ's example.**
- 3. Become like Jesus Christ.**

**D. Not everyone who followed and gathered around Jesus became His disciple. (Matthew 4:24-25) The Crowd followed and gathered around Jesus for two reasons:**

- 1. Some followed and gathered to either witness a miracle or receive a miracle in their life.**
- 2. Some followed and gathered to either hear Christ's teaching or to accuse Him of false teaching (religious leaders).**

**E. There are Six Things every True Disciple should recognize about being in Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)**

- 1. Recognize that God has done His part by sending His Son Jesus Christ to die for the sins of all humanity. (John 3:16, John 1:1-14, Philipians 2:5-11, Romans 5:8-10)**
- 2. Recognize that through Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection, that our sins are forgiven and we now have a right to eternal life. (John 3:36, 10:28-30, 1 John 5:11-13, Ephesians 1:7-10, Romans 6:22-23)**
- 3. Recognize that through Jesus Christ, we are now made righteous and have been reconciled to God. (Romans 5:8-12, Colossians 1:19-22, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)**
- 4. Recognize that through faith in Jesus Christ, we now have access to the throne of the Almighty God. (John 14:6, Ephesians 2:18, 3:11-12, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Timothy 2:5)**
- 5. Recognize that through faith in Jesus Christ, we now have peace with God and the peace of God. (Romans 5:1-2, Philipians 4:6-7)**
- 6. Recognize that through faith in Jesus Christ, I am no longer an enemy of God, but a friend and a child of the Most-High God. (John 15:13-15, Romans 8:14-17)**