

## How Can You Tell Who Is A Real Christian?

Jesus said:

***John 13:35: By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.***

Here is described the new nature of a Christian at its best. No unsaved person can produce this manifestation of the love of God. It is described under these famous contrasts: Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, without love I'm just a noisy windbag; empty words are as clouds without rain, wells without water, fruit trees without fruit, cars without gas. The heart cries for something more than creeds of dos and don'ts; it seeks for the manifestation of this divine love (charity), the very nature of Christ.



**Next, Paul tells us:**

***1 Corinthians 13:2: And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.***

These are shocking words from a real servant of God. The orator, the educated, the prophets, and the faith healers take note, but that isn't all.

***1 Corinthians 13:3: And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.***

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Human nature suffers a lot, but often we are nasty about it. We get hard and bitter. Love doesn't envy others nor get jealous because

our neighbor lives in a brick house and we live in a frame house; or he has four bedrooms and we have two, or he has a new car and ours is an old junker.

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President Woodrow Wilson said: “Some people come here and grow up with responsibility. Some come and just swell up”. A child of God living in a new nature is different; he is humble when high up or in the lowly place. He isn’t in a mad race for social positions or esteem. He knows that God’s tomorrow will be the crowning day to be with Jesus forever.



Paul describes further the evidences of God’s new nature, saying:

***1 Corinthians 13:5: Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.***

You won’t find God’s child in the divorce court, night club, tavern, or acting unladylike or ungentlemanly, or forgetting to be Christ-like. He/she represents Jesus down here on earth and will manifest Him in all his/her conduct. You can tell a real Christian, for he/she isn’t vulgar, selfish, or seeking his/her own welfare, and isn’t greedy. He/she gives, shares, and prefers one another. You won’t find a real Christian with obscene literature, reading murder mysteries, or watching lewd movies on TV. They don’t feed on garbage, and that is why their love is so pure and clean; it is unmixed.

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Next, God’s Love is blown up proof; it doesn’t blow a fuse, whereas those without it are difficult and hard to handle, touchy, flammable, and super sensitive.

God’s love thinketh no evil. God’s Love affects our thinking so we have no appetite for scandal or tale bearing. Gossip chokes us and we find it difficult to breathe in an atmosphere of fussing, fault finding and criticism.

God's love rejoices not in iniquity. Sin has no charm and it is a reproach to any Christ-like person. We don't rejoice at the downfall of our foes, nor desire revenge on those unkind to us or who hate us. We take no pleasure in another person's misfortune, another church's troubles.

It bears, believes, hopes, endures, it is never bankrupt. This is what Christ does for us and makes available to all. No one can duplicate this divine nature. Some people try to imitate it but it doesn't work. This kind of love is heaven brought into the heart, and all the creeds, religions, denominations in the world cannot produce the conduct here described.

**In fact, they all stand or fall by this standard. No modification of environment, mental therapy, moral effort, evolutionary progress or process of civilization can duplicate this *God-given nature*. It is given by God's Son to those who receive Him as Lord and Savior.**



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