

1 John Pt. 8

So You May Know You Believe

Character Test

- Believers walk in the light (1 John 1:5-7)
- Believers claim we have sin (1 John 1:8-9; 2:1-2)
- Believers are obedient to God (1 John 2:3-8)
- Believers grow (1 John 2:12-14)
- Believers do not live in the domain of sin (1 John 3:6-10)

Relationship Test

- Believers have fellowship with God (1 John 1:1-4)
- Believers find joy in the gospel/fellowship (1 John 1:1-4)
- Believers do not love the world (1 John 2:15-17)
- Believers have a sense of wonder (1 John 3:1-3)
- Believers love one another (1 John 3:11-20)
- Believers love because they have been loved (1 John 4:1-6)

Doctrinal Test

- Believers believe that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 2:18-29)
- Believers test the spirits (1 John 4:1-6)

1 John 2:21-29 (NASB)

²¹ I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

²² Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

²³ Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

²⁴ As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

²⁵ This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

²⁶ These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

²⁷ As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

²⁸ Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.

²⁹ If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him. See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are.

What does it mean to believe that Jesus is the Christ?

1. Christ (Christos) means _____, anointed one, _____ one.
 - a. I believe that a _____ came to earth 2000 years ago named Jesus
 - b. I believe _____ is God
 - c. I believe Jesus lived a _____ life never sinning once
 - d. I believe that Jesus _____ on the _____ for the purpose of paying for my sin
 - e. I believe that Jesus _____ again three days later, appeared to many, and then ascended into heaven
 - f. I believe that if I _____ with my mouth and _____ in my heart that Jesus is Lord , than I will be _____.
2. Christianity is more about what _____ than what we do for Him.
3. Christianity is more about _____ than how we see God.
4. Christianity is more about _____ than what we believe about God.
5. True Christians should _____ burn out on _____.