

*"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, '**If Ye CONTINUE In My Word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.'" John 8:31-32 KJV*



A builder may make many mistakes in construction, but he corrects them and continues until the job is done. A racer may stumble, but the race is only won if the course is finished. *"A just man falleth (sins) seven times, and riseth up again (repents): but the wicked shall fall into mischief (stay in sin)."* The wicked do not repent. God's Word is the litmus test of Life. If you obey it through faith, you have Life. If you disobey it, you are still *"dead in sin."* We are born as God's enemies, separated from His Eternal Life! Those who *"walk in the Light"* (obey God's Word), LIVE! Many gladly receive the Word of God, but fail to continue therein, meaning, obey it through faith. You see, faith produces obedience, but obedience does not produce faith. We are saved FOR good works; not BY good works! *"Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His commandments."* Repentance is obedience; the evidence of faith. If your walk doesn't match your talk then you are a liar! *"He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him."* Many that claim to be Christians, but few really are. Many think Christianity is something inherited from or association with and it is neither! Neither lifestyle nor good works make you a Christian; any more than wearing tires makes you a car. If you are not born again and have a relationship with Jesus and call yourself a Christian, you are a liar! Discipleship is conditional. *"Whosoever...forsaketh not all that he hath, (including self) he CANNOT be My Disciple."* If anything means more to you than following and obeying God's Word in its entirety, you are neither disciple nor Christian. You may deceive yourself, but you cannot deceive God. Is your life a mess? Jesus said, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest."* The things in your life that compromise Truth prevent you from knowing God. Satan is a master at using the "good" to keep us from the "best!" If your life tarnishes the name of Christ or weakens your relationship with the Lord Jesus, it is sin! *"Him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* Keep short accounts with God. As soon as the inner Voice of Truth, God's Word, convinces you of sin, stop it and confess it. Forgiveness is but a turn away. *"If we confess our sins (admit by repentance), He is Faithful and Just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of ALL unrighteousness."* Repentance is forsaking sin, not remorse for sin. Faithful obedience is what pleases God. It's not how many times you sin; it's how many times you repent. *"A just man falleth seven times and riseth [every time]. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."* God will forgive you every time you repent. He promised! The proof of faith is repentance, not rhetoric. True faith is born of love of God! *"We love Him, because He first Loved us."* If we love, we repent!

Continue in the Law of Love,
And you'll have Peace from God above,
But if you simply claim His Name,
Your life will surely end in shame. –CGP

Saying you're a Christian when you're not, is taking God's name in vain. *"The LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain."* Will you hear, *"Well done!"* or *"Depart from Me!"* on Judgment Day? Hell is full of those who thought their good works merited God's forgiveness! *"NOT by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us...through Jesus Christ our Saviour."* Now, is the time of God's forgiveness, not eternity!

"Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? And in Thy Name have cast out devils? And in Thy Name done many wonderful works?' And then will I profess unto them, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME, ye that work iniquity!'" Matthew 7:22-23 KJV