

Why do Christians seem to be apathetic about Christ?

Between many Christians asserting the need for baptism, social activity, signs, or other things for salvation, it often seems that people have set aside the most important aspect of salvation, which is Christ.

1. What should be the Christian view about Christ Himself?

Colossians **3:3-5**

John **15:1-5**

Acts **9:6**

1 Corinthians **9:16-17**

John **14:6**

Philippians **3:8-11**

The Christian should view Christ as the center and core of all that is his life. While Christians know that their only hope is the grace of God through faith in Christ, it can be easy to get caught up on life's events and activities and treat Christ as something less than life itself. When dealing with Christ, our first thought ought to be what Paul's question was "What do you want me to do Lord?"

2. Are there any parallels we can draw from?

Jeremiah **7:3-7**

1 Samuel **8:5-8**

Galatians **3:1-3**

Jeremiah **44:15-19**

Jeremiah **11:7-8**

1 Corinthians **5:1-5**

The nation of Israel was repeatedly warned to commit their lives and all that they had to the Lord yet they continually insisted that they were going to commit themselves to the perception of their own experience and the intents of their own hearts rather than to the way of the Lord. The church of Galatia sought to fulfill their state of salvation by their own might and power. The church of Corinth thought to associate the greatness of the mercy of God through their assembly by ignoring the sins of one of their people.

3. What do the apathetic professing Christian need to keep in mind?

Matthew **7:21-23**

Revelation **2:8-9**

2 Timothy **2:18-21**

Hebrews **10:24-25**

Revelation **3:8-9**

Romans **10:8-10**

The most important thing for every professing Christian to keep in mind is that just "claiming" to be a Christian is insufficient. There are some who will lay claim to being a Christian, yet they are not. They still have to face God for judgment for sin. It is not the man that claims to be a Christian that is one, but the man that Christ claims to be a Christian is in reality a Christian. The beliefs we hold concerning Christ are to be of the heart and not simply of the head.

4. What do we need to do?

2 Corinthians **13:5**

Revelation **2:4-5**

We need to examine our heart to verify that we are truly committed to Christ and not to the works which we profess to do.