



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“With churches changing to accept all and offend none, they are growing but only Christ followers and not birthing Children of God.”

I Am Not A Christ Follower.

It is correct. I, Charles Stambaugh, am not a Christ Follower. Yes, I grew up in good churches. I went to Sunday school, youth group and after-school Bible club. I graduated from a Baptist college. I was a church youth leader and children’s club leader for years. I read the Bible through twice. I held Bible studies at work. I listen to Christian music, love the old hymns and have written and published moving devotions. I have led people to the Savior. I pray publicly. I don’t smoke, drink, swear or fellowship with those who do. I give money to the church. I am kind, helpful and friendly even to my enemies. People will tell you that without a doubt, that I am a Christian. But news flash, I am not a Christ Follower.

“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.” Matt 7:22, 23

Many will do all the things that I have done and have been labeled as a Christian or a Christ Follower but will not go to heaven. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Eph 2:8,9 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

Many follow sports teams. I just do not understand people who yell and scream during a game. I often say that the players cannot hear you, especially when you are watching them on TV. Half of the spectators will be glad, and the other half will be sad about the game’s outcome which they had no control over.

Many people follow music groups, athletes, actors, politicians, and even religious leaders. Thousands even followed Christ when He was on the earth. But when their idol disappoints them, they soon change allegiance. What happens when a team continues to lose? They lose followers.

I am not a Christ Follower, because I was born again. I am a child of God. He is my Father. His Holy Spirit lives within me. Where I go, He goes. “Christ walks with me and talks with me and tells me that I am His own.” ¹ When I fall, He picks me up. When I need direction, He points the way. He meets my needs and answers my prayers. He will never leave me.

Which do you visit the most in church, the coffee room, or the prayer room? Have you ever been in the prayer room? Would you go only to meet the Savior? Would you go if there was no praise band? Do you leave feeling good about yourself or broken about your sin and burdened for a lost world? Do you study, obey, and believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God? Do you continue in a sinful behavior or show the fruit of the Spirit? If the public were against Christians, would you identify yourself as one? Are you really born again or just following Christ? Don’t be self-deceived!



Are you just following?


¹ In the Garden by C. Austin Wiles

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I recently found a great video on salvation. I encourage every person to watch this it. It will reveal if you are Born Again.
[Are you saved or self-deceived?](#)



Are you Born Again?

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