



**August 18, 2024**

**Call to Worship**

*1 Peter 1:13-21*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Phil Bruce  
Elder*

**Baptism**

*Jacob Haggerty*

**Songs of Worship**

*By Faith*

*Christ Is All*

**Scripture Reading**

*Psalms 119:9-16*

**Songs of Worship**

*Come Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing*

*Help Us See Christ*

**Message**

*Marty Brown  
Teaching Pastor*

**Song of Response**

*Rock of Ages*

“When the reality of sin and its radical effects on the whole man are bypassed, the idea takes over that it simply takes a decision for Christ to bring about the new birth. A decision for Christ is all that is needed. This is ‘easy-believism,’ in which repentance from sin is sidelined. Those who make a decision receive a pronouncement that they are saved. This proves premature. False converts are the outcome. The theory of the carnal Christian has been invented in order to accommodate those who have made a decision but who bear no marks of the new birth.” ~ Erroll Hulse

“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.” ~ Augustine

“Contemporary theologians have fabricated an entire category for this type of person – the ‘carnal Christian.’ Who knows how many unregenerate persons have been lulled into a false sense of spiritual security by the suggestion that they are merely carnal? Christians can and do behave in carnal ways, but nothing in Scripture suggests that a real Christian might pursue a life-style of unbroken indifference or antagonism toward the things of God. Christians do not masquerade as children of the devil. The very reverse is true; Satan pretends to be an angel of light, and his servants imitate the children of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).” ~ John MacArthur

“The individual who professes to be a Christian but who continues to practice sin should realize that he may not be a Christian at all, according to I John 2:3 and 3:6, 9.” ~ Bill Bright

## The Truth about Being a Biblical Christian: Part 1 II Timothy 2:14

**Big Truth of this Series:** The apostle Paul encourages and warns Timothy and all believers to follow, entrust, and be always ready to proclaim God’s Word with confidence and joy as days of difficulty lie ahead.

**Big Truth of Today’s Message:** Words mean something, but words can be used with harmful results. We need to be reminded of “trustworthy words” about true salvation, and avoid useless wrangling over non-essential words that tear down.

v. 14 “Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins hearers.”

According to the Bible, a Christian is a person who:

1. Has faced realistically the problem of his own personal sin.
2. Has seriously considered the divine remedy for sin.
3. Has wholeheartedly complied with the terms for obtaining God’s provision for sin.
4. Manifests in his life that his claims to repentance and faith are real.