

Curious, Convinced, or Committed?

John 1 & 6



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The Truly Committed!



Curious . . .

He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, **“You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas, which is translated, A Stone”.**

John 1:41-42

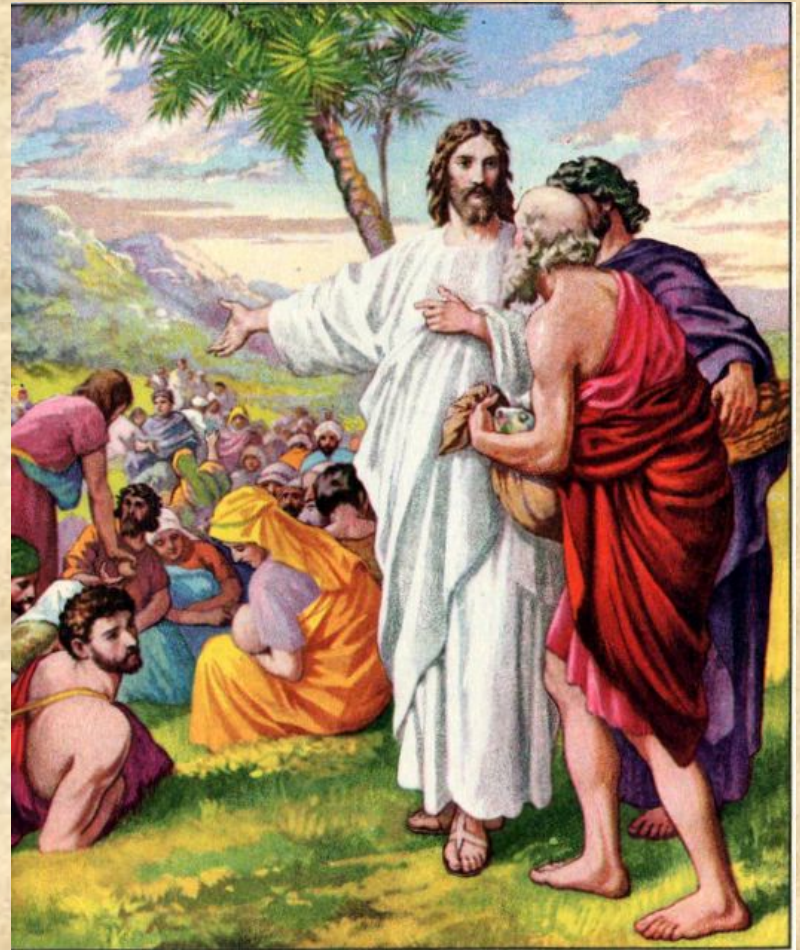
Curious . . .

Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

- John 6:2

Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

- John 6:26



26 Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.



27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.” 28 Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may **work the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the **work** of God, that you **believe** in Him whom He sent.”**

Only two religions:

- **Do**
- **Done!**



35 And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who **comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who **believes** in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not **believe**.**

John 6:44 - No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:47 - Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes in Me has everlasting life.**

John 6:53 - Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you **eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His **blood**, you have no life in you.**



John 6:60 - Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”

John 6:64 - But there are some of you who do not *believe*.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not *believe*, and who would betray Him.

John 6:66 - From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. - John 6:60-66

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to **believe** and **know** that You are the **Christ**, the **Son of the living God.**”



Curious . . .

- **Some are curious about Jesus.**

✧ **Reasons for their curiosity**

✧ **They didn't understand
their real need.**

✧ **There are those who are
curious today.**



Convinced . . .

- **Some are convinced about Jesus**
 - **They are convinced**
He is the best
among options.
 - **They believe in Christ**
for eternal life.



Convinced . . .

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Believe = to be persuaded that something is true.

Convinced . . .

- There are those who are convinced today.
- Are you among the *curious*, or are you *convinced*?



. . . or Committed?

- Some are Committed to Jesus
 - They followed Him as disciples
 - *Disciple* = Learner, apprentice



Convinced

VS.

Committed

Salvation



Discipleship

Justification



Sanctification

Come to Christ



Come After/Follow Christ

Faith in Christ



Faithfulness to Christ

Instant Event



Lifetime Process

Free to us



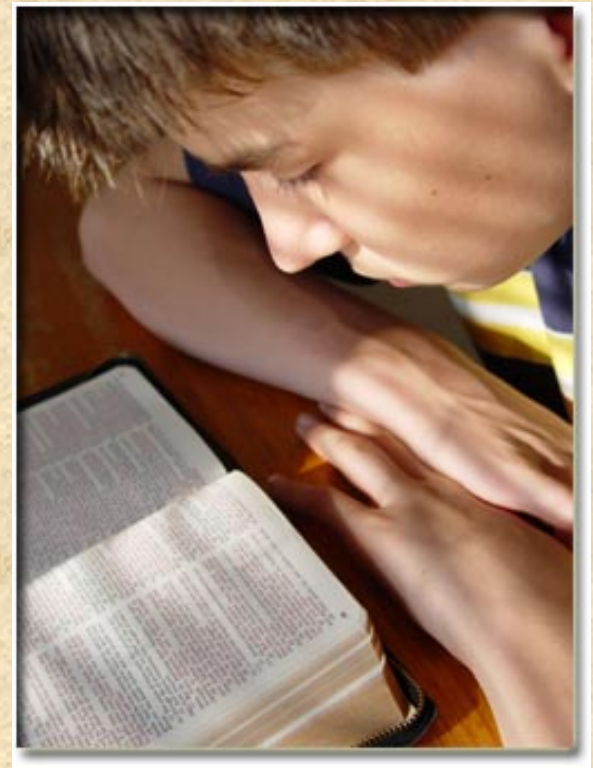
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. . . or Committed?

- Some are Committed to Jesus.

**“If you abide in My word,
you are My disciples
indeed. And you shall
know the truth, and the
truth shall make you free.”**

John 8:31-32



Commitments of Discipleship

- Continue in His Word**
- Deny Yourself**
- Take up your cross**
- Follow Him**
- Love him more than anyone else**
- Love and serve others**
- Lose your life**

Where are you today?

Curious?

Convinced?

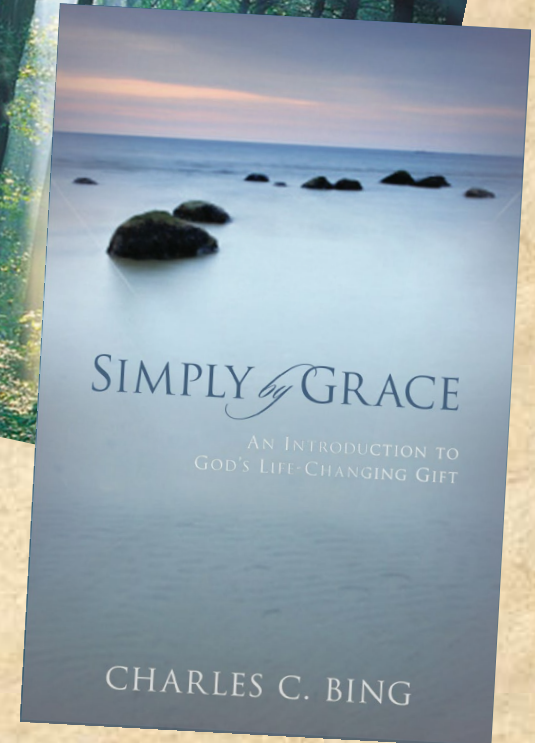
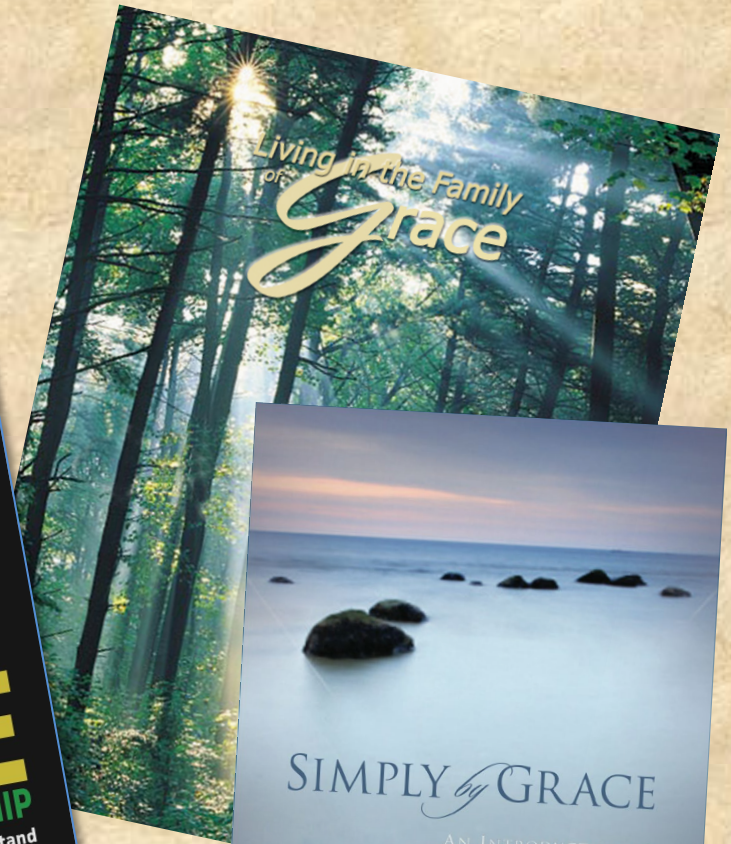
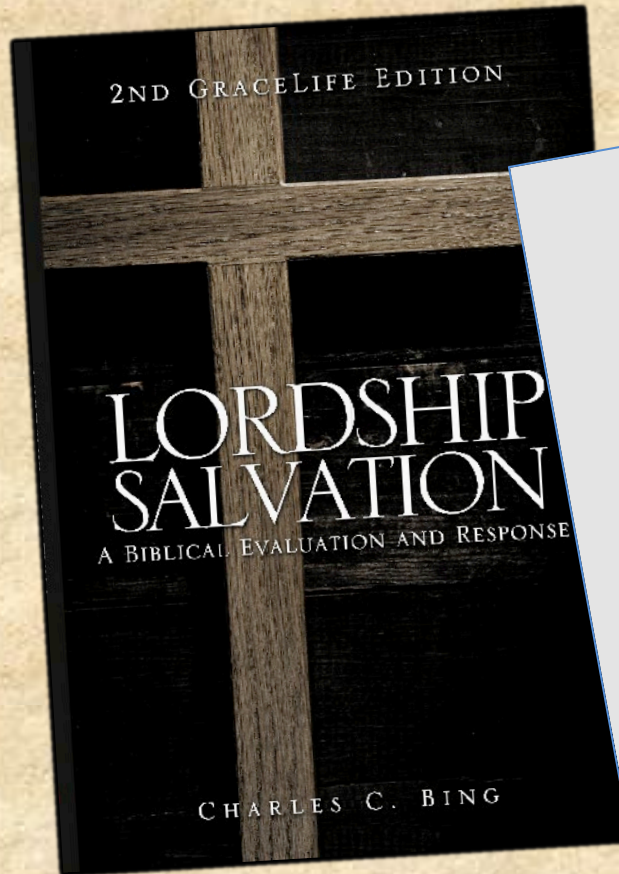
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**Christians have never changed the world;
Only *disciples* have!**

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