

# BECOMING A CHRISTIAN AND BEING A CHRISTIAN

Matthew 11:28-30

## Introduction

- The choice to become a Christian is one involving a long term commitment.
- Any unbalanced or incomplete approach will fail to achieve success.
- The nature of the commitment is, therefore, a vital concern.
- Consider the progression to ward union with Jesus and how this influences everything that follows.

## HEAR

(Listening to God)

- Becoming a Christian—II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:3.
- Being a Christian—II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:2; Isaiah 1:18.

## BELIEVE

(Trusting God)

- Becoming a Christian—Hebrews 11:1, 6, 13, 27; Acts 2:36-37.
- Being a Christian—I Corinthians 4:2; II Corinthians 5:7.

## REPENT

(Changing Our Mind or Attitude)

- Becoming a Christian—Luke 9:23; Acts 2:38.
- Being a Christian—Romans 8:29; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:20-24.

## CONFESS

(Saying the Same Thing as Jesus)

- Becoming a Christian—I Timothy 6:12-13; Philippians 4:8; Mark 7:20-23.
- Being a Christian—Matthew 10:32-33.

## BEING BAPTIZED

(Dying to Living)

- Becoming a Christian—Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:11-13.
- Being a Christian—Romans 6:12-13; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 5:24; 6:14.

## Conclusion

- The *pattern* for becoming a Christian becomes the very guide for life as a Christian.
- We are saved *from* our sins, but we are also saved *for* conformity to Christ.
- As we understand and embrace these principles, we insure that true conversion will occur.