

Revolutionary Christ

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Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount

Special Edition

What Jesus Wanted – What Christ Wants – What the Church Is

What did Jesus of Nazareth really want?

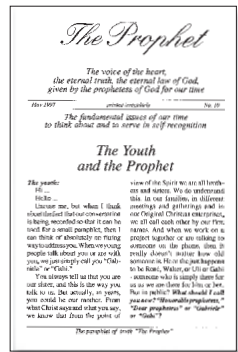
Today, one can rightfully say that you have to clearly differentiate between “Christian” and “Catholic.” For 2000 years the Church has turned away from God and even done the exact opposite of what Jesus of Nazareth wanted to teach us:

- Instead of sowing peace and love, the Catholic Church has sown hatred and violence between nations through its Crusades and forced conversions.
- Instead of practicing the Commandments of God, the Church preached eternal damnation.
- Instead of the simple and unequivocal teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, the Church developed a huge structure of rites and dogmas.

Jesus did not think much of going along with the warlike spirit of the times, nor of the hypocritical preachings of the scribes and pharisees of that time whom he described as “whitewashed tombs.” (Mt. 23:27) In his Sermon on the Mount, he said the following: “Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock.” (Mt. 7:24).

So, a Christian is one who applies in his life what Jesus of Nazareth wanted. And what

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Look at the life of Jesus, a spontaneous, dynamic young man.

He walked the dusty roads with His disciples, announcing the good news of the love of His Father; he was at home under the stars; he saw the ruling hand of God in every animal, in every plant; he instructed His apostles and disciples in the most subtle laws of the universe; he sat under the tree and taught them; he stood in the field and announced the good news of life, the Sermon on the Mount, to thousands; he stepped into a boat with some apostles and rowed out on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus rebuked with a clear word of truth the pharisees and scribes of that time, the hypocrites.

So Jesus was not an administrator of “folderol and fuss” – He personified the spontaneity of inner life.

If you take a look at church authorities today with their titles and “honors,” with their

Would you like to get to know more about Jesus of Nazareth?

If yes, then read the pamphlet of truth, “The Youth and the Prophet.”

A prophet of our times talks about Jesus, the Christ of God, the Redeemer of all souls and people who dwells in us.

A brief excerpt:

vestments, robes and church buildings, then actually everyone should say: Something isn't right here.

On the one hand, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God and a simple man; on the other hand, “honorable dignitaries” representing with “dignity” what Jesus of Nazareth did not teach.

Jesus was not the way they are; Jesus does not want what they are. The way they teach, speak, act and, in the end, live, does not correspond with the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.

In a certain way, independent of age, we, too, may feel this spontaneous, eternal power of God, the inner, eternal youth, the freshness of the Spirit, the life which is unique. Everyone who discards his all-too-human aspects more and more, who sacrifices them, as it were, with the help of Christ, and does what God wants more and more, gains access to the

living source of the highest power within himself which is eternally fresh, clear and youthful.

Jesus told us: “Follow Me!” When we follow Him, then we do what God wants and we experience in us, on us and through us similar things as our example, Jesus, the Christ.

You do not have to talk about God a lot. Do what Jesus commanded of us and affirm the spontaneous, young man, Jesus of Nazareth, then you will find joy in doing what God wants.

Then you are no longer an imitator, nor an adherent to folderol and fuss, but a spontaneous, young person who in his thoughts and behavior gives God the honor again and again by asking: How would Jesus have behaved in this or that situation of the day; what does He want to tell me through my behavior, through my thoughts, through my desires?

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