

## Can People Remain “Baby Christians?”

What We Observe	Commands to Christians	Evidence
<p>- a seed planted should grow - bear fruit</p> <p>- Child is born - they will grow up, mature - become adults</p> <p>If there is no growth</p> <p>- something wrong</p> <p>- No birth</p> <p>- Sick</p> <p>- Wasn't nourished properly</p> <p>- NOT HEALTHY</p> <p>Is their faith genuine?</p> <p>Can someone choose not to grow?</p>	<p>I Peter 2:2-3 - long for the word grow up in respect to salvation</p> <p>II Peter 1:5-8 - qualities to be increasing so we are not useless nor unfruitful</p> <p>II Peter 3:18 - grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ</p> <p>He 5:12-14 - need the solid food of the Word of God</p> <p>He 6:1- press on to maturity</p> <p>Col 1:9-10 - walk in a manner worthy, please Him in all respects, increase in our knowledge of Him, bear fruit in every good work</p> <p>Col 2:6-7 - walk in Him being firmly rooted and built in Him</p> <p>Eph 4:13-16 - not children tossed about, but a mature man - GROW UP!</p>	<p>Know them by their fruits</p> <p>- Mt 7:15-20</p> <p>- I John 3:7-10</p> <p>Life will show good works</p> <p>- James 2:14-26</p> <p>Taking off of the old and putting on of the new</p> <p>- Eph 4:20-24 -</p> <p>- Ro 6:2 - dying to sin we can't live in it</p> <p>- I John 1:5-7 - walk in light not in dark</p> <p>Children of God vs children of the devil</p> <p>- I John 3:10 - God's children - righteous</p> <p>- John 8:44 - you will do the desires of your father</p>

Imposters	Called to Obedience	Final Thoughts
<p>Matt 13:3-9; 18-23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- some fell by the road and the birds snatched up - the evil one snatches away the message</li> <li>- Rocky soil - springs up quickly, but scorched by sun because it has no root - receives the word in joy but as soon as hardship comes - he withers away - no root</li> <li>- Thorns which choke it out - worry of the world and deceitfulness of wealth choke it out and it is unfruitful</li> <li>- Good soil produces fruit - hears the word, understands it, produces fruit</li> </ul> <p>Luke 13:24-28 - strive to enter through the narrow door - many will seek to enter and will not be able - they knock, they think they should be able to enter - told to depart - He does not know them</p> <p>Mt 7:13-14 - wide gate leads to destruction - many are on that - few find the narrow gate that leads to life</p> <p>Mt 7:21-23 - Many will say Lord, Lord and He will tell them to depart - He never knew them</p> <p>Lord = Master</p> <p>Many are deceived - Most who call themselves Christians are not going to heaven!</p>	<p>Mt 7:21 - those who do the will of the Father will enter</p> <p>Jn 14:15, 23-24 - obey the Father</p> <p>Ro 12:1-2 - obedience is an act of worship</p> <p>I John 5:2-3 - proves our love for God</p> <p>I Sam 15:22-23 - to obey is better than sacrifice</p> <p>Ps 119:1-8; II Cor 7:1 - godly living - cleansing ourselves</p> <p>Obey because we are thankful for what God has done for us - Col 3:15-17; Ro 6:1-6</p> <p>Obey because He is our Lord (Master) - Lk 6:46-48</p> <p>Obey because we are new creations - II Cor 5:17; Gal 2:20; Col 3:9-10; I Jn 3:8-10</p> <p>We are called to be holy - I Peter 1:15-16</p> <p>God hears the prayers of those who obey Him - Jn 9:31; Pr 28:9; 1:28; 15:8, 29</p>	<p>A true Christian needs to obey which means they need to grow up</p> <p>When we make Him our Master we give up our will - our freedom to do what we want to do</p> <p>They need to be nourished - they should grow</p> <p>Is their faith genuine? - if it is there should be a desire and a seeking of God? Dt 4:29; Pr 8:17; Jer 29:13; Acts 17:24-28; James 4:8</p> <p>Justification for living a sinful life as a Christian - I Cor 3:10-15</p> <p>We are responsible for what we know</p> <p>This passage is not saying that we can jump from justification to glorification can skip the sanctification</p>