

## “Some Kind of Christian” or What Kind of Christian Are You?

Luke 8:4-15

### Cultural Christianity quotes:

CC “means to pursue the God we want instead of the God who is.”

CC “is impotent with little or no impact on the values and beliefs of our society.”

CC “requires God to grant us personal peace and affluence to prove He loves us.”

### There is a difference between a Biblical Christian and a Cultural Christian.

*Jesus Himself was the first to draw a distinction between people who would and would not associate with Him.*

### Jesus describes 4 groups of hearers.

#### 1. The Non-Christian

*<sup>5</sup>“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>12</sup>Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.*

–Luke 8:5, 12

### We believe in:

Universal redemption—Christ died for all.

Not universal salvation--all are saved.

#### 2. The Counterfeit Christian

*<sup>6</sup>Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.*

–Luke 8:6, 13

“They fall away.”

### The counterfeit Christian who does not have saving faith.

“Christ is our eternal security, and we therefore have eternal security so long as we have faith in Christ.” –Donald Bloesch

### The Counterfeit Christian:

- Heard the Gospel,
- Seemed to understand,
- Maybe even prayed a prayer,
- But, never really walked with the Lord.

### 3. The **Defeated** Christian

*<sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>14</sup>The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.*

–Luke 8:7, 14

*“...They did not **mature**.”*

You **cannot** serve two masters.

*“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.”*

–Matthew 6:24

### 4. **Biblical** Christian.

*<sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” <sup>15</sup>But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.*

–Luke 8:8, 15

#### The Biblical Christian:

- **Trusts** Christ alone for salvation.
- **Seeks** to know the God who is.
- **Walks** in Obedience.
- **Bears** fruit--inward and outward.

**Application:** What kind of Christian am I? Non\_\_\_ Counterfeit\_\_\_ Defeated\_\_\_ Biblical\_\_\_

#### How do I change to become a Biblical Christian? (4 R's)

- **Recognize** where you are and your need.
- **Repent** of my lack of faith.
- **Repent** of the idols I have put before the Lord.
- **Receive** Jesus Christ and His forgiveness by faith and begin to follow Him obediently. Get into God's Word and get to know the God who is.

#### Memory Verse:

*Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.*

–Luke 8:8