

2 Corinthians 6:15

And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

So, what does it mean to believe, or to be more exact, what does it mean to believe and be saved?

† **Acts 16:31** *So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."*

I think we would all agree that it means that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead and that He is the Son of God, and God in the flesh.

† **1 Thessalonians 4:14** *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

But let me put this another way, that we tend to overlook as to what a believer is. In fact, let's take that word "Believer" and change it into two words, which would be "Be Liever" I know it's spelled wrong, and it would actually be a "Be Leaver". So if you take the word "believer" and break it up, it may help people to realize that it's not just believing that Jesus died and rose from the dead, because the bible says that, *Even the demons believe--and tremble! James 2:19b*

So it's not just a believing, but with that belief, a change of lifestyle as well.

† **2 Corinthians 5:15** *and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*

Notice here Paul is talking about a change in lifestyle as a believer *should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*

So, if you take the word "believer" and change it to "be leaver" what it is saying is that as a believer, you would "be leaving" your old life and living a new life in Jesus Christ.

† **Ephesians 4:22** *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts*

So, as a believer, have you left your old life, or do you still live the same life you used to live, even though you may go to church once in a while or just use the term or title of a Christian. The bible is clear that as a Christian, you can't live that way any longer.

James 3:11 *Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening?*

No, you must leave your old life, or should I say your old sinful lifestyle, because if you don't you are trying to live like you are going to hell, yet claiming to be going to heaven. If you are a believer, then it's time to live like one, not when you are in church or when other Christians are around, putting on a show for them. But when you are alone or you are around non Christians. Our light should be shining all the time, because we are not called to be lights in a light store, but to be a light when we leave the light store. And when others see that light, they to will want to be a believer (Be leaver)

✠ **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*