

James 2:20

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Being a Christian and just going to church every Sunday, but never getting involved in the church, or you have never read through the bible, is like buying a brand-new car and only washing it once a week, but never driving it.

Just say a prayer and go to church every Sunday. So many think that is what being a Christian is all about. Yet there is so much more than just that. If you are married or want to get married someday, did you think that you would say your vows, and be able to sleep with your spouse every night and that's what constitutes a marriage? No, there is way more to a marriage than saying your wedding vows once and sleeping in the same bed with that person. Because vows happen only once, and you sleep together, what, eight hours a night, what about the other sixteen hours of the day, are you not still married then as well?

Yet how many treat their relationship with Jesus like that, thinking, I said my wedding vows (the prayer of salvation) to the Lord, and I go visit Him for an hour or so once a week at church. Yet the Lord is with us all the time, the Psalm even says.

† ***Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.***

Did you catch the last phrase?

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Not just on Sunday while we are at church, but all the time, each second of each day and night, the Lord is always with us. So, if the Lord is with us, shouldn't we be with Him as well? We don't seem to think of that, because we put all the work and responsibility on the Lord, yet we have a part to play in our relationship with the Lord, and that is, He is with us always, and we also need to be with Him always as well.

In a marriage things happen throughout the day, or even simple decisions, like what do we want for dinner, or who does what in the home, who mows the lawn, who makes dinner, who does the dishes, who takes care of the finances. These are things that happen after we say our vows in a marriage. Same is true after we say the sinners prayer. It doesn't just stop there, and the Lord does everything, while we sit back on easy street waiting to go to heaven. No, we have the rest of our lives here on this earth to walk with the Lord.

Let's get rid of the mindset that the Lord is carrying us through life, like the picture of Jesus carrying a lamb over His shoulders. Because that's a picture of a wayward lamb that had gone astray, not the picture of our walk with the Lord each day.

- † **Micah 6:8** *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*
- † **Matthew 16:24** *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."*
- † **Psalm 89:15** *Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.*