

I Am Victory: Moving from Believer to Disciple
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James 2:19 NIV

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23 NKJ

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it... Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Disciple: one who follows another's teachings

The Difference Between a Believer and a Disciple:

BELIEVERS

Believe in Jesus as Savior but live to please themselves

DISCIPLES

Believe in Jesus as Lord and live to please God

BELIEVERS

Exalt their opinions, feelings and thoughts above the Word of God

DISCIPLES

Exalt the Word of God above their opinions, feelings and thoughts

BELIEVERS

Treat their body like it's their own

DISCIPLES

Treat their body like it belongs to God

BELIEVERS

Treat money as 100% theirs and they might give 10% to God if there's enough left over

DISCIPLES

Treat money as 100% God's and they're simply stewards of it

BELIEVERS

Think of church as a place they go to hear what God's Word says

DISCIPLES

Think of church as a place they learn to do what God's Word says

BELIEVERS

Get offended and stay offended

DISCIPLES

Get offended, but strive for reconciliation with all

BELIEVERS

Tolerate people of other cultures

DISCIPLES

Love people of other cultures

BELIEVERS

Follow God as long as everything is going well

DISCIPLES

Follow God regardless of the circumstances

BELIEVERS

Seek to know God through religion

DISCIPLES

Seek to know God through relationship

BELIEVERS

Content with going to Heaven one day

DISCIPLES

Want everything God has for them today

Baptizo: to submerge, to immerse, to be overwhelmed by

Two Baptisms a Disciple Goes Through:

1. Baptism in Water

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I've commanded you."

What's the significance of baptism?

- It symbolizes a total surrender
- It symbolizes our identification with the death, burial, & resurrection of Jesus Christ

Romans 6:3-4 NIV

Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Two Baptisms a Disciple Goes Through:

1. Baptism in Water
2. Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 NIV

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Dunamis: force, miraculous power

Luke 11:11-13 NIV

Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!