

Boldly Christ's

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To become a true Christian, one must believe in Jesus and confess their faith, and they should be proud to share their faith with others.

Scripture: Romans 10:9

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the necessity of being born into the family of Christ through faith and confession, urging believers to boldly declare their identity as Christians without shame. He challenges the notion of secret Christianity, encouraging individuals to proudly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ, who has honored them with His grace. Tozer acknowledges his own imperfections but affirms that being a member of the body of Christ is a privilege that should be celebrated. He calls for a church that is distinct from the world, centered on Christ, while also enjoying fellowship and community activities as secondary to their faith. Ultimately, Tozer inspires believers to live openly and confidently as followers of Christ.

Transcript

To become a member of the body of Christ and join with the bride of Christ, you must be born into the family of Christ. It happens by believing in your heart that Jesus is Lord and confessing your faith with your mouth to the people. This is reasonable, and I do not understand why anybody should find fault with it. Suppose you were somewhere in the world, and someone asked you your nationality. Is there anybody here that would be ashamed to say where you were from? Why then should you go through life being secret Christians, too frightened, too scared to say, "I am a Christian"?

If Jesus Christ has honored you by finding you and laying His hand on you, you ought never be ashamed of Him. You should be able to stand anywhere at any time and say, "I do not care who knows it. I am a Christian." Be proud. I want the world to know that I am a Christian. From reading the lives of the saints I know I have a long way to go, and I want you to know that, too! I have a sharp tongue and an abrupt manner, and sometimes I say things that hurt feelings. I do not want to hurt your feelings.

Just forgive a fellow who is too dumb to know better. I may not be a good Christian, but I am still a Christian. I am a member of the body of Christ. I am in the ark along with the blessed few who have been honored by God with grace, and for that reason I am not ashamed and I do not want you to be. We want a separated-from-the-world, heads-up, knees-bent, living church! Sure we can have our skating parties, gatherings and coffees. Nothing is wrong with that, provided we know that we do not need it. These

activities are something on the side so we can relax. Jesus Christ is our center, and so the way to get in is by faith and confession.

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