

# Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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**Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M 1Thess 1 "HOW THE CHURCH SPREADS THE GOSPEL"**

**Next Week – 1Thess 2:1-12 "THE MODEL LEADER"**

**Wednesday Bible Study – 9:30 am FIRST KINGS**

## The pathway to true discipleship begins when a person is born again.

It begins when the following events take place:

- 1) When a person realizes that he is sinful, lost, blind and naked before God.
- 2) When he acknowledges that he cannot save himself by good character or good works.
- 3) When he believes that the Lord Jesus Christ died as his Substitute on the Cross.
- 4) When by a definite decision of faith, he acknowledges Jesus Christ as his only Lord and Savior.

This is how a person becomes a Christian. It is important to emphasize this at the outset. Too many people think that you become a Christian by living a Christian life. **NOT at all!** You must first become a Christian before you can live the Christian life. The life of discipleship is a supernatural life. We do not have the power in ourselves to live it. We need divine power. Only when we are born again do we receive the strength to live as Jesus taught.

Before reading any further, ask yourself the question, "Have I ever been born again? Have I become a child of God by faith in the Lord Jesus?" If you have not, receive Him now as your Lord and Savior. Then determine to obey Him in all that He has commanded, whatever the cost may be.

—William MacDonald True Discipleship

If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference"

- **W. Tozer**

"People sometimes think it's a miracle that God loves them. No. God simply IS love. It would take a 'miracle' for God to NOT love somebody."

- **Jeohn Ortberg**

"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

- **C.S. Lewis**

## TYPES OF CHRISTIANS

**Couch-potato Christians:** These Christians adapt to the culture by staying silent on the tough culture-and-faith discussions. Typically this group will downplay God's absolute truths by promoting the illusion that neutrality was Jesus' preferred method of evangelism.

**Cafeteria-style Christians:** This group picks and chooses which Scripture passages to live by, opting for the ones that best seem to jive with culture. Typically they focus solely on the "nice" parts of the gospel while simultaneously and intentionally minimizing sin, hell, repentance and transformation.

**Convictional Christians:** In the face of the culture's harsh admonitions, these evangelicals refuse to be silent. Mimicking Jesus, they compassionately talk about love and grace while also sharing with their neighbors the need to recognize and *turn from sin*.

The cross is love's response to the dark dilemma of human existence.

- **Mark Allison**