

Construction of a Christian – part 2
The Framework of a Christian
(Hear and Belief)
Romans 10:14-17
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Thesis: I want show how the Bible builds the Christian from the ground up.

Intro: 1. The obedient Christians framework begins by hearing and is secured by believing.
2.

I. Man's framework depends first on what He hears.

A. Man must hear Christ

1. (**Matthew 17:5**) we must listen to the Word and not man.
 - a. This means we accept what the Bible says and not what men tell us it says or what men think is right.
2. It is only truth that sets man free (**John 8:32**)
 - a. There is only one truth that sets man free.

B. How he hears

1. Gladly receiving the word (**Acts 2:41**)
2. Receiving the word with meekness (**James 1:21**)

II. Man's framework also depends on believing the Word.

A. Believing God's Word is essential

1. **John 8:24** – this is a genuine belief.
 - a. Belief that moves man to a strong conviction that leads to the desire to change one's life.
2. **Hebrews 11:6** – without this convicting belief in Christ it is impossible to be pleasing to God.
 - a. God is not one who can be fooled by the "so-called faith" of many.
 - i. Instead He is only pleased by those with a genuine faith.

B. Belief means willing & ready to obey

1. **Matthew 7:21** – doing God's will is what saves.
2. His will is that all come to repentance and gain salvation.

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Hearing is a requirement.

1. Building the ways of a building requires framework.
 - a. Building the Christian requires hearing God's Word.
 - b. Coming to Christ is a process not a simple announcement.
2. One hears the gospel and then acts upon what they have heard (**Jn 17:17**)

B. Honestly believing is a requirement.

1. Belief that generates true faith starts in the heart of man (**Rom 10:9-10**)
2. **John 3:36** – one must truly believe if he is to have eternal life.

Application & Conclusion:

1. After building the foundation by recognizing man's need for God and that God is the proper foundation man must continue to build by hearing and believing God's Word.
2. One cannot be a true follower of Christ if He does not hear, hears the wrong message or refuses to believe the truth of God's Word.
3. Let us be those who are willing to hear God's Word and believe it in its truth.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9