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Introduction

I never ever considered the possibility that a black Christian is different from a white Christian. My thoughts were based on the earlier experiences that I have had. I saw these glowing evangelists fresh out of Sunday Church knocking on my Mother and Father's door filled with joy and an extraordinary peaceful glow on their faces. I suppose they may have been Jehovah's Witnesses. They always appeared to be kind and friendly, whenever I saw them. They Invited us to come and hear the good news about Jesus. I always considered it to be the case that Christians were Christians regardless of what colour they were. At least it would appear that they were successful in giving this outward display of being unified in one faith. Then, I grew up and became one of those church attending Christians. I suppose you may be now assuming that what I am about to say next is going to contradict the initial assumption I made earlier on, that there is no difference between a white Christian and a black Christian. Well I was young and ignorant about church matters and things concerning the church up until the point whereby I became a public Christian. The first person who I had met outside in the real world of work, who was a Jehovah's witness, happened to be a black man and he had some very serious moral practices that he adhered to concerning his faith. This was the first time I had seen someone stand firm, in an employment environment, adhering to what they believed according to their faith. What do I hope to achieve in this short book? Clarity, in how a black person who is considering becoming a Christian and a black person who is a Christian should think. I hope to encourage them to adopt the correct attitude, be alert to incorrect thinking and how to neutralise

and defuse potential de-railers.

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I am a Black Christian (Embrace it)

You will notice I begin by entitling this chapter with a declaration. It is what every black person thinking of becoming a Christian or is a Christian should commit to memory and verbalising daily. For our Caucasian brothers and sister who are reading this book please note this is also an instruction for you also. Something you should be aware of that may be something your ethnic brothers and sisters face and address daily. I am is the name God instructed Moses to tell the Children of Israel and Pharaoh as to who sent him in Genesis 3:14. This name set God apart from any other god that humans chose to call god. All of them were false there was only one God. Likewise we are all made in his likeness and his image Genesis 1:26. Knowing this I hope by now you realise who you are. Let us take a moment to embrace this. Take a deep breath in and exhale slowly.

What does it mean to be a Christian?

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples if anyone should come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. I am going to ask a very powerful question here if you are a Pastor or any minister of the gospel, have you taken up your cross and denied yourself and followed Christ? Open your eyes and hear who ministers to you. Check the spirit. Before you check the spirit, check your spirit. Do you know what it truly means to deny yourself? **Read** the following Matthew 1 – 28 , Mark 1- 16; Luke 1-24; John 1-21, **Meditate** on these books, and **Pray** to Jesus to give you understanding.

Identifying and neutralising de-railers.

- 1 You
- 2 Friends and Family
- 3 Church Family
- 4 Your work colleagues
- 5 Other denominations
- 6 Your Past

1. Truly assess yourself. Decide who you are and what you chose to believe. Get all the facts.

2. Don't start forcing your new found beliefs and knowledge upon others just work on yourself. Love others from where they are, don't encourage them negatively .

3 Become a good listener and non speaker adopt a non judgemental attitude see things from the other person's perspective, how can you help them?

4 Let your light shine, Follow Matthew 5:44

5. Welcome your brothers and sisters.

6. Look to your future pray to Jesus. Watch God move secretly!

Choices

I could chose to make a negative false statement like, 'it is a white man's religion' or I could chose to take responsibility for what I am thinking because God gave me the key as his child how to control my thinking and think correctly. **Matthew 17:20** re read the message.

From this day forward.

I speak life into the reader of this book. I speak love into the reader of this book I speak Christ to the reader of this book. I declare over your life peace, joy, faithfulness, patience self-control, goodness, gentleness, joy, long-suffering, kindness, meekness and temperance. In the name of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen.!