

Daily Devotion For December 28, 2021

In one of our Wednesday Bible studies, I asked the question, "Is Christianity a Religion?" For many people the answer is yes. But from my perspective, Christianity is not a religion. Religion deals with humankind's efforts to **reach up to God** to be in a right relationship. Christianity is just the opposite where at Christmas time **God reached down to us** in the person of His Son Jesus to have a relationship with us.

There's a big difference between religion and a relationship with Jesus Christ. Religion is about rules and regulations whereas Christianity offers freedom from rules and regulations. Christianity isn't religion; it's a personal relationship with Christ himself. Remember the most difficult people that Jesus had to deal with were the religious Pharisees.

Being a Christian is asking Christ to come and live inside of you. The Bible says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name" John 1:12

**Thought For Today:** For you, is Christianity a religion or a relationship? Is your relationship with God dependent upon what you do for God or by what God has done for you through His son Jesus. That is a big difference?

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Thank God for sending his son Jesus to earth at Christmas so that we can have a personal relationship Christ. Deo Volente.