**How to Know if You are a True Believer**

**Text:** Acts 9:19 -22

2 Corinthians 13:5 (GW)
5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are still in the Christian faith. Test yourselves! Don't you recognize that you are people in whom Jesus Christ lives? Could it be that you're failing the test?

1. **A true Believer desires the fellowship of other believers.**

**Acts 9:19**
“ Afterward he ate some food and was strengthened. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days “.

**Acts 2:41-42 (NLT)**
41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church—about three thousand in all.
42 They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.

**Acts 1:14 (NIV)**
14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Hebrews 10:24-25 (GW)**
24 We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things.
25 We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

1. **A true Believer will immediately share Christ with others.**

Acts 9:20-21
20 And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"
21 All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who persecuted Jesus' followers with such devastation in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And we understand that he came here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests."

**Acts 8:4 (TLB)**4 But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus!

**2 Corinthians 4:5 (NLT)**5 “ We don't go around preaching about ourselves; we preach Christ Jesus, the Lord “.

**1 Corinthians 1:23 (NASB)**23 but we preach Christ crucified,

1. **A true Believer will continue to grow spiritually.**

The words "increased the more" (*mallon enedunamouto*[PWS: 3794](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=748&tocpath=S\#3794: Strength, Increasing In; Strength, Increased All The More In)) mean to become strong within, to gain inner strength, to increase spiritually.

**Acts 9:22**
“ Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

**Ephesians 4:15 (GW)**
15 Instead, as we lovingly speak the truth, we will grow up completely in our relationship to Christ, who is the head.

**1 Peter 2:2 (GW)**
2 Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.

**2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)**
18 But grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be all glory and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen.

**2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)**
3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.