# ICE CREAM CHRISTIANITY

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**Topic:**
**ICE CREAM CHRISTIANITY**
**Text: Acts 2:1-4.**

**Prayer**

Eternal rock of ages we bless you for this wonderful night be thou exalted Lord, we thank you for time like this, we thank you that we gather here in peace and not in pieces thank you Jesus, Father Lord if there is anyway we have come short of your glory that will not let you come to our midst this evening Father Lord forgive us in the name of Jesus, O Lord as we are about to hear your word, Lord teach us yourself in the name of Jesus, help us to be the doer of your word and not the hearer only in the name of Jesus, don't let this word we are about to hear stand against us on the day of judgment in Jesus mighty name we have pray. (AMEN)

**Bible Text: Acts 2:1-4.**

**Acts.2.1** - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
**Acts.2.2** - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
**Acts.2.3** - And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
**Acts.2.4** - And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**Introduction**

You might be wondering what brought about this kind of topic. But, as time goes on, you will understand better.I believe Ice

cream is not something strange to us. Let me just quickly state the qualities of ice cream.

**Qualities of ice cream**

1. **Creaminess**: It has a smooth and velvety texture, resulting from the milk fat and cream content.
2. **Sweetness**: Ice cream is typically sweet, with sugar or other sweeteners enhancing the flavor.
3. **Coldness**: Served frozen, ice cream provides a refreshing cold sensation.
4. **Softness**: Despite being frozen, high-quality ice cream is soft and easy to scoop.
5. **Flavor variety**: Ice cream comes in numerous flavors, such as vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, and more.
6. **Melting point:** Ice cream begins to melt quickly when exposed to heat.
7. **Airiness**: Some ice creams are whipped with air, giving them a light and fluffy texture.
8. **Richness**: The fat content in premium ice cream gives it a rich, indulgent flavor.
9. **Appearance**: Often vibrant and visually appealing, with various colors depending on the flavor.

These are the qualities ice cream has. And, we know that children love it more and will always seek and want it. However, there is what is known as ice cream Christianity. Kindly follow keenly as we proceed.

**Study**

*Let's quickly check through our text;*

**Acts 2:1-4 KJV**

[1] And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
[2] and suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
[3] There appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were being distributed [among them], and they rested on each one of them.
[4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (different languages), as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out.

The early Christians were Christians who were very rugged with the work of God. They were in one accord and lived their lives according to God's will. In those days, if they found anyone misbehaving or doing contrary to the God's word, they reprove such and counsel him or her. They were seriously minded with how they served God. Ananias and Sapphira were one of the scapegoats used to show the people that the Holy Ghost could not be mocked. After they lied to Peter, they both dropped dead and fear of the Lord came upon all the church. Christianity was not a child's play back then. It wasn't something anybody would make jest of anyhow. There was raw power in manifestation. The apostles only suffered for the sake of Christ not for their coldness spiritually.

They were very much on fire and willing to take cities and countries for God. But, it is a pity that what many are practicing now especially in this generation is what we call "ice cream Christianity".

*What is ice cream Christianity? Do follow me!*

**What is ice cream Christianity?**
Ice cream Christianity is the type of Christianity practiced by ice cream Christians. These Christians do not want to grow, they are always in synchrony with the world system.

They speak, act, react like the world, they are very cold and BP never wants to suffer for the sake of the gospel. They believe that after accepting Jesus, walking with Him shouldn't come with any stress. They always seek pleasure and do not want to do anything that will take away their pleasure.

*They have the qualities of an ice cream such as;*

1. **Creaminess**: They always want to get the fat and sweet benefits of being a Christian, but they never want the other side. They hate persecution, trials and tribulations.

2. **Sweetness**: They only want to serve God in sweetness. They do not believe there could be time a child of God will face things that are bitter. They are practicing sweet Christianity and believe everything about Christianity should be sweet only.

3. **Coldness**: They are very cold. They are lukewarm and lack fire. The devil always likes their type because he finds it easy to toy with them. They find it hard to pray long hours, they find it hard to study their Bibles for so long, fasting is a taboo for them as they believe only pastors should fast.

*Are we following?*

4. **Softness**: They are easy to bend because their feets are not solid. Their hearts are very soft and can easily adapt and accept the changes of the world.

5. **Flavor variety**: Even though they are Christians, they can show the different colors they have. Sometimes, they will tell you that they will "log out" of the Spirit and deal with you and then "log in" back.

They believe you can come out of the Spirit and behave like an unbeliever and then enter into the spirit again. They have different weird characters.

6. **Melting point:** They easily backslide when they face tough tribulations. They can't stand too long in the midst of temptations before they fall. Whenever they are exposed to little trials or tests, they fail woefully.

7. **Airiness**: They do not have weight spiritually. They are very light and this is why the devil toys with them, they don't know what they carry. They are always scared of the devil and cannot confront him. Demons will oppress them in their dreams and they will be weeping because they don't know what is in them. They are lightweight Christians.

8. **Richness**: They are mostly after pleasures and riches of this world. They can't suffer for Christ's sake. Whenever money is involved, they always open their eyes and lose balance.
They love money with their lives and can alter their messages because of money.

9. **Appearance**: There is little or no difference between them and the people of the world. They still find pleasure in using different adornments that people of the world use. They want to serve God

and still look like Jezebel. They don't care how they look whether it portrays Christ or not, all they want is to look flashy and eye-catching.

*These are some of the qualities that a Christian who is practicing ice cream Christianity actually possesses.*

**Effects of practicing ice cream Christianity**

1. **Lack of power:**

Anyone who practices this will lack power because such will lack the ability to tarry in the secret place. **Luke 24:49:** "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but TARRY ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." The disciples were told to tarry until they are endued with power. Ice cream Christians always find it hard to tarry and as such will lack power.

2. **They are repelled by God:**

God hates coldness or lukewarmness. This is why he said in **Revelation 3:16:** "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth."
God will always repel lukewarm people. So, if you continue to live a lukewarm lifestyle, He will spew you out of His mouth.

3. **Easy to backslide:**

Another effect is that it is very easy for those practicing ice cream Christianity to backslide. They lack perseverance and endurance. When any little matter or problem arises, they are quick to backslide.

4. **Loving the world:**

Those who practice ice cream Christianity will always have the love of the world and its pleasures in them. *And, the bible says*

*that* **1 John 2:15:** "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The pleasures of the world will fill their hearts and they will lose the ultimate focus.

*Are we following?*

5. **They don't seek first the kingdom of God:**
Due to the love of the world and its pleasures, they find it hard to seek first the kingdom of God. All they seek is what will gratify their flesh. And, since they love pleasures, they are dead while alive just as the bible says in **1 Timothy 5:6:** "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."

6. **They are not prepared for heaven:**
If the trumpet sounds, those practicing ice cream Christianity will have no part in the kingdom of heaven because their hearts are not wholely on Jesus. They profess Christ with their mouths but their hearts are far away from Him.

7. **They are easily tossed to and fro by winds of doctrines:**
Those who practice ice cream Christianity find it hard to study the Bible and hear God themselves. So, they are always tossed to and fro by different winds of doctrines. They are not solid with their convictions and do not know what the Bible says about their life. They always want to hear from pastors and prophets. And, these types are easily deceived by false prophets and pastors.

8. **The devil plays with them:**
Those who practice ice cream Christianity are light weight spiritually. The devil easily toys with them because they don't have weight. The devil does not really bother disturbing them

because they are not really a threat to him. They are just there and he can toy with them whenever he wishes. Even though they are Christians, yet they lack the power a real Christian possesses due to how cold they are.

*Are you still there?*

9. **They won't love the truth:**
One of the effects of practicing ice cream Christianity is that they won't love the truth. Many are Christians these days but they still oppose the truth of God's word when it's taught.
It's because they are ice cream Christians. They will behave as though they love the truth, but whenever a truth negates their lifestyle, they oppose it strongly.
*These are a few of the effects of practicing ice cream Christianity.*

*Now, let's go to the signs that a person is practicing ice cream Christianity.*

**Signs that show ice cream Christianity**
1. Gradual Lukewarmmess

2. Resisting the truth

3. Inconsistent visiting of the secret place

4. Lack of power and faith

5. Reduced hunger and love for God

6. Less desire for the work of God

7. Eye service in the church

8. Poor character and attitude towards others

9. Love of money and pleasures

10. Having worldly friends

11. Forsaking the gathering of believers

12. Not growing spiritually

and many others.

If you are noticing many of these signs in your life, it means you are gradually becoming an ice cream Christian. So, what should or can be done?

**How to battle against ice cream Christianity**

1. Ensure you are genuinely born again

2. Pray against coldness and Lukewarmmess in your life.

3. Surround yourself with people that are on fire

4. Regularly check yourself spiritually to know whether you are still standing

5. Renew your hunger for God often by spending quality time in the secret place.

6. Have godly mentors

7. Shut your heart against pleasures of the world

8. Go for retreats often

9. Earnestly Contend for the power of God

10. Live a sin-free life

11. Be a prayer and word addict.

These are ways you can battle against coldness, whether you are already cold or feeling the signs of coldness within. Therefore, check your life to know if the signs of ice cream Christianity are present there. If present, take appropriate measures as soon as possible. May God help us to continually set ourselves on fire in Jesus Christ name, amen.

## Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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