

trust in what Christ has done and surrender to Christ's Lordship.

In a review article published in 1989 in the Grace Theological Journal, Homer A. Kent says some helpful things concerning this issue. Let me quote a few. Kent writes:

**It is the clear evidence of New Testament that the concept of discipleship is intended to portray the relationship of all the followers of Christ. Every believer is a disciple. . . . there are no instances in the New Testament of the application of this term to a superior or more advanced level of belief. Those who have separated discipleship from salvation have not done us any service. . . . the teaching of Scripture is clear. A believer and follower of Christ by Scriptural precept and by definition is one who believes and who follows. . . . And every true believer is a disciple. (p. 75)**

**. . . true faith results in a new creation . . . That new creation will reveal itself by its actions. Those actions will not secure salvation, but they are the inevitable consequence of it. (p. 76)**

**MacArthur sees salvation as that one grand entity whereby the believer receives Jesus as Lord on the basis of initial faith, not as some subsequent and perhaps even optional act. A friend of this reviewer has used the analogy of marriage: "When I married my wife, I did not marry her as cook, as housekeeper, as lover, and as potential mother of my children. I married her, and all of these aspects were part of it." . . . Our saving relationship is to Christ. New life, obedience, enlistment as a disciple – all of this is implicit in receiving Christ by faith. (p. 76)**