



The Moment Of Truth

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Welcome!
All are welcome at each and every service. Visitors are considered honored guests. We encourage everyone to follow along and participate in our worship to God, and we invite you to ask any questions you may have.

What to Expect...

Friendliness

You can expect a warm, friendly welcome.

Order

You can expect our worship to be with reverence and orderly (I Cor. 14:40).

Singing

You can expect congregational singing. Singing is a vital part of our worship. All members of our congregation will blend their voices together in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. The purpose of our songs is to praise God and to teach and admonish one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

Giving

As the Bible teaches, we give liberally as God has prospered us, on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:1-2).

We do not expect our visitors to give since giving is a responsibility of the members of the congregation.

Prayer

Prayer is a vital source of strength in a Christian's life.



The Lord's Supper

You can expect us to partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week (Sunday).

Teaching

You can expect Christ-centered, Bible teaching in our classrooms and pulpit.

An Invitation

At the close of each sermon you can expect an invitation to become a Christian. The invitation gives one the opportunity to express their faith in Jesus Christ by repenting of their sins, confessing Christ before men and being buried with the Lord in baptism (cf. Jn. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Mt. 10:32; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27).

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Meeting Information

Sunday: Bible Study - 10:00 am

Sunday: Worship: 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday: Bible Study - 6:45 pm

Bible Classes for all ages

Join Us for A Study of God's Word!

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Who Is A Christian?

In this day and age the name Christian is being abused and misused tremendously. I've heard Americans refer to our country as a "Christian" nation.

Several institutions such as schools and colleges are referred to as a "Christian" academy or college. There are churches that wear the name "Christian Church" and most members of denominational churches call themselves Christians. But is this the way God intended for the name to be used? What must one do to become a Christian? Only the Bible can answer these questions.

It is true that the Bible is not a dictionary, but it does reveal how words in context are defined or used by God.

What A Christian Is Not

Let's begin our study of the name "Christian" by exploring what a Christian is **not**.

If you were to ask people who is a Christian, some would say that a Christian is simply a "good person," but this is not a satisfactory definition. A Christian is not merely a good person. This point is clearly seen in the case of Cornelius in Acts chapter 10. Scripture says that Cornelius was

a *"devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God"* (Acts 10:2). Cornelius was a man with impeccable qualities. Cornelius was nevertheless lost and in need of salvation. The reason that the apostle Peter was sent to Cornelius was to declare a message by which he and his household could be saved. The message included the command to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins in order to be saved (Acts 10:48; 2:38; Matt 26:28). Cornelius was not a Christian until he was obedient to Christ.

There are those who believe that any religious person, who believes in God, is a Christian. This is also a misrepresentation of what it means to be a Christian. If such teaching is true then the religious people of Athens were Christians. When the apostle Paul addressed them, he said: **"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious."** They were very religious, but they were religiously wrong. After preaching to them about the true and living God, some believed and obeyed became followers of Christ, "Christians" (Acts 10:34).

Before he was converted Paul was said to be very religious

and strict, but later he learned that he had done **"many things which oppose the name of Christ"** (Acts 26:5, 9). If being religious made one a Christian, then certainly Paul would have been one. Friends we know that this wasn't the case. Paul learned about Christ on his way to Damascus, and was told to go into the city of Damascus where he would be told what he needed to do. The preacher Ananias told Paul to, **"Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name"** (Acts 22:16). It takes more than being religious to make one a Christian.

The Name Given

The name, "Christian" was not applied to disciples of Christ until Acts 11:26, **"For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians."** This name wasn't given in the derision as some have taught, but was given by the Lord, and approved by inspiration.

Now that we have learned what a Christian is not, and when the disciples were first called Christians, we will discuss who is a Christian next week if it be the Lord's will. – Fred Singleton

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Test your Bible Knowledge



1. The rich publican Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree because he was:

- a. Tall
- b. Mad
- c. Short
- d. Being pursued

2. Jesus departed again into a mountain, after the miracle of the loaves and the fish, because He saw (according to John) that the people were about to come and take Him by force, to:

- a. Crucify Him
- b. Turn Him over to Pilate
- c. Make Him feed all their relatives
- d. Make Him king

3. Paul declared that he did not judge himself, because:

- a. He was not aware of anything against him
- b. He was an evangelist, not to be judged
- c. Brethren judge each other, not themselves
- d. It is the Lord who judges

4. The gospel preached by me, wrote Paul, I received from:

- a. Another man
- b. Two other men
- c. His father
- d. No man

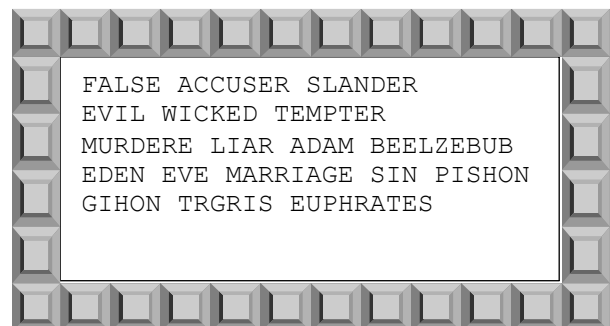
{Luke 19:2-4} {John 6:16} {1 Corinthians 4:3-4} {Galatians 1:11-12}

Word Search Puzzle



This Week's Memory Verse

“Whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: (John 1:2-5).



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Answers 1.c 2.d 3.d 4.d



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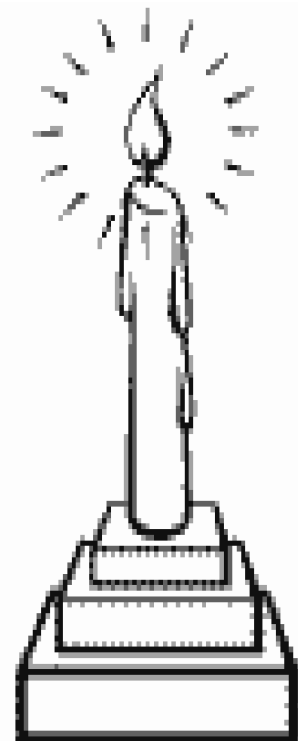
First Principles

How many churches did Jesus build?

- A. One. It is not divided into different denominations.
- B. Many. Each denomination forms a different church.
- C. Only one, but it is divided into different denominations.

Answer:

Jesus built his church (Matt. 16:18). Jesus' church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). There is one body (Eph. 4:4); therefore, there is one church. Denominationalism is the result of carnal factions and divisions (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:1-4; 11:18). Denominationalism is caused by worldly-minded people (Ju. 19) and is contrary to the doctrine of Christ (Rom. 16:17; cf. 2 Jn. 9).



But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (Eph. 6:1).

Unscramble the names of the apostles as given in

Matthew 10:2-4.

"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartho-

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Name the apostle that took Judas places _____ (Acts 1:26).

Name the apostle that was "born out of due time" _____ (1Corinthians 15:8-9).



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