

Who Is a Christian?

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Introduction

1. Acts 11:26; 26; 28; 1 Peter 4:16
2. The term “Christian” only appears three times in the New Testament
3. This name is a God given name Isaiah 62:2; 65:15
4. God is glorified in this name **when** the wearer is in reality what the name implies.
5. In each of the scriptures there is a basic characteristic of a Christian set forth, let us study each.

II Discussion

1. Acts 11:26 A Christian is a disciple of Christ
 - a. A disciple is a learner
 - i. Christianity is a taught religion John 6:44-45; Matthew 28:18-20
 - ii. One does not become a Christian through:
 1. Dreams John 8:31-32
 2. Direct working of the Holy Spirit independent of God’s Word 1 Peter 1:22-23
 - iii. The process of becoming and being a Christian is a learning process 2 Peter 3:18
 - b. A disciple is a follower of Christ
 - i. Jesus left an example for us to follow 1 Peter 2:21
 - ii. The Standard for Christian conduct is not:
 1. Worldly philosophy Colossians 2:8
 2. The Law of Moses Colossians 2:14-17
 3. Mysticism Colossians 2:18
 4. The Crowd Matthew 7:13-14
 - c. If one spends time learning something else then he is a disciple of that philosophy and not Christ.
 2. Acts 26:28 A Christian is one who is persuaded
 - a. He is convinced that Christianity is true Philippians 3:4-11
 - b. He is willing to persuade others that Christianity is true Acts 19:8; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11
 - c. He is convinced that he can live the Christian life Philippians 4:13
 - d. He is persuaded that Christianity is worth the cost Matthew 16:24-26; Luke 14:26-29
 - e. Are we persuaded that Christianity is all-sufficient?
 3. 1 Peter 4:16 A Christian is one who is willing to suffer for doing right
 - a. Some suffer as the results of foolish living or poor choices 1 Peter 4:15
 - b. Some suffer for living the Christian life 1 Peter 4:12-16; 3:14; 2 Timothy 3:12
 - c. The early Christians suffered Acts 8:1-4
 4. A Christian is one who is not ashamed 1 Peter 4:16
 - a. He is not ashamed of the Gospel Romans 1:16
 - b. He is not ashamed of Christ Mark 8:38
 - c. There is nothing to be ashamed of!

III Conclusion

1. Are you a learner of Christ?
2. Are you persuaded that Christianity alone is sufficient?
3. Are you suffering?
4. Are you ashamed of Christ?

5. One must answer these questions correctly in order to have the inheritance promised 1 Peter 1:4

6. If you did not answer any one of these questions correctly then there is a time to correct the problem and that time is now.

Sources: God's definition of a Christian sermon outlines from 1 Peter; and Challenge of the commission sermon outlines from Acts both by Tom Holland; Cleveland 2008