

# Christian

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## Introduction

1. 1 Peter 4:16, Acts 11:26; 26:28
2. What does it mean to be a Christian?
3. Many misuse that terminology
4. It is a biblical name, being used three times in the New Testament, our text
5. In each of these scriptures, a basic idea of Christian is set forth
6. Let us study these basic ideas set forth in each passage.

## II Discussion

1. A Christian is a disciple of Christ Acts 11:26
  - a. A disciple is a learner
    - i. Christianity is a taught religion John 6:44-45; Matthew 28:19-20
    - ii. One does not become a Christian through
      1. Dreams or visions John 8:31-32
      2. Direct working of the Holy Spirit independent of God's Word James 1:18, 21; 1 Peter 1:22
  - b. The process of becoming a Christians is a learning process 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18
  - c. A disciple is a follower of Christ 1 Peter 2:21
  - d. The standard of being a Christians is not
    - i. Worldly philosophy Colossians 2:8
    - ii. The Law of Moses Colossians 2:14
    - iii. The crowd Matthew 7:13-14
2. The Christians is one who is persuaded Acts 26:28
  - a. The Christians is convinced that Christianity is true Philippians 2:5
    - i. Paul sought to persuade men at Ephesus Acts 19:8
    - ii. He did the same at Corinth 2 Corinthians 5:10-11
  - b. The Christians is persuaded that he can live the Christian life Philippians 4:13
  - c. The Christian is persuaded that this life is worth the price that one must pay to become and maintain his Christianity
    - i. Denial of self. Matthew 16:24-26
    - ii. Love of the Lord Luke 14:26-29
    - iii. Sacrifice anything that stands between one and faithful service to Christ Philippians 2:7-8
  - d. One is persuades on the basis of needs
    - i. The need of security 1 Peter 5:6-7; 3:12
    - ii. The need of purpose Ecclesiastes 12:13
    - iii. The need of happiness and peace Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:4-6; Matthew 11:28-30
3. The Christian is one who is willing to suffer 1 Peter 4:16
  - a. Suffering is all around us
    - i. Some suffering is the result of living in a world of physical pain and death
    - ii. Some suffering is the result of foolish and sinful living 1 Peter 4:15
    - iii. Some suffering is the result of doing the will of God 1 Peter 4:16; 3:14; 2 Timothy 3:12
    - iv. Some suffering is from unjust criticism 1 Peter 4:4; 2:15; 3:16

- v. Some suffering is from physical pain inflicted 1 Peter 4:12
  - b. Early Christians suffered Acts 8:1-4
  - c. The Apostles rejoiced in suffering Acts 5:41
- 4. The Christian is one who is not ashamed 1 Peter 4:16
  - a. He is not ashamed of the Lord's Word Mark 8:38
  - b. He is not ashamed of the Gospel Romans 1:16
  - c. He is not ashamed to be in the religious minority Matthew 7:13-14

### III. Conclusion

1. The Christ is one who glorifies God 1 Peter 4:16
  - a. He glorifies God by being a disciple of His Son Hebrews 1:1-2
  - b. He glorifies God by living for God
2. He is not ashamed for the world to know where he stands and for what he stands
3. Are you willing to be a Christians?
4. Now is the time to become on 2 Corinthians 6:2

Source: God's definition of a Christians sermon outlines from 1 Peter by Tom Holland