

WHO IS A REAL CHRISTIAN?

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The word 'Christian' is not used all that often in the scriptures and certainly has a far different meaning than what is commonly understood by most people. There is a vast difference between believing in God and obeying God and a further difference of maintaining a lifelong servitude. Those who believe in God only, have no scriptural rank at all (however, most of these people are seen as Christians). Those who believe in God and promote his values and the role of Jesus, are disciples only (again, these are seen as practicing Christians, but this is also scripturally wrong)... because the term 'Christian is strictly reserved for those who have been anointed having received) the Holy Spirit and are applying it to their lives, every day.

The first time the word 'Christian' is used in the bible. ACT11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the **disciples** were called **Christians** first in Antioch. *Those who followed Jesus, were called disciples, not Christians up to this point in time. Something was different... something changed.*

What had happened to have the disciples renamed to Christians? LUK 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** (clothed) **with power** from on high. *These were the commands of Jesus... and they are still required today.*

What actually occurred to cause it to change? ACT 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all **with one accord** in one place. *They were all likeminded... all obeying Christ.* **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. **3** And there appeared unto them **cloven** (divided) **tongues** like as of fire, and it **sat upon** (the same as the dove/spirit that Jesus had from God) **each** of them. *They all received the same promised blessing... now they were true followers of Christ because they could exercise the same power and gospel authority that Jesus had used on them.* **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other **tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. *This was the life changing difference. The believing, obeying and worshipping had taken on a new form. They were now like Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit... now they were true followers of Christ, because they had the same power and could speak and act with the same authority. This is something a mere disciple cannot do. Let's look at Christ's earlier references to this event.*

You must be born again... not just agree with Christian values. JOH 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **8** The **wind** (spirit) bloweth where it listeth, and thou **hearest the sound thereof** (like the noise of the wind, the spirit has its noise... speaking in tongues), but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is **every one that is born of the Spirit**. *Being born again will be identical for everyone.*

Christians are borne again, thus they need a new way to communicate... one that won't corrupt them. JAM 3:8 But the tongue can **no man tame**; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. *The key to being born again is in being able to speak and worship with God, in a way that is free from natural thoughts and weakness. So God gives us a new language, which acts as a sign of our Christian rebirth and also a new form of communication, which is free from all human weakness, failings and spiritual ignorance.*

Thus, the Spirit speaks to God for us. ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself **maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered. *The spirit brings about results that are impossible for disciples to exercise. Without the anointing, the benefits of this verse are simply, not available; prayer is near powerless.*

Jesus states the clear benefits of Christian conversion. JOH 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father in **spirit** and in **truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24** God is a **Spirit**: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit** and in **truth**. *Spiritual prayer is essential.* **ROM 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is **none of his**. *The term 'Christian' means... follower of Christ through the anointing... rather than 'disciple' (which in context), relates to non anointed follower.*

Without the Spirit, useable, spiritual truth will never be understood. JOH 16:13 Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will **guide** you into all **truth** (disciples don't have this, only Christians): for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak*: and he will shew you things to come. *Real Christians are filled with the power of God and live accordingly... all the rest are nothing more than interested bystanders. Salvation and Christianity are one and the same... anything less is not salvation!!*