

**What is a disciple?**  
**What Is a Christian?**  
**Is a Christian a disciple?**  
**What are the implications?**  
[Mat 28:16-20](#), [Act 11:25-26](#)

**Original Language Word Meanings**

[Mat 28:16-20](#)

[Mat 28:16](#) - disciple

**Strong's: G3101**

[μαθητής](#) *mathētēs* *math-ay-tes'*

From [G3129](#); a *learner*, that is, *pupil*: - disciple.

[Mat 28:19](#) - make disciples

**Strong's: G3100**

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From [G3101](#); intransitively to *become a pupil*; transitively to *disciple*, that is, enrol as scholar: - be disciple, instruct, teach.

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[Act 11:26](#)- Christian

**Strong's: G5546**

[Χριστιανός](#) *Christianos* *khris-tee-an-os'*

From [G5547](#); a *Christian*, that is, follower of Christ: - Christian.

**Summarizing**

- A disciple is a learner, a pupil
- A Christian is a follower of Christ
- A Christian is a disciple of Christ, that is a learner and follower of Christ

## True vs False Discipleship?

[Joh 8:31](#)

[Joh 8:31](#) – believed

**Strong's: G4100**

πιστεύω pisteuō pist-yoo'-o

From [G4102](#); to *have faith* (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*; by implication to *entrust* (especially one's spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

[Joh 8:31](#) – abide

**Strong's: G3306**

μένω menō men'-o

A primary verb; to *stay* (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy): - abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry (for), X thine own.

**Therefore to "truly" be a Christian, or Christ's disciple have to abide in His Word.**

## A Disciple to Other than Christ?

[1Co 1:10-13](#); [2Pe 2:1-3](#)

## Christian's Goals

- Be like Jesus [Luk 6:40](#)
- Be conformed to His image [Rom 8:29](#); [2Co 3:18](#)

## What are marks of a Christian?

- Abides in Jesus' words [Joh 8:31](#); [Mat 7:21-27](#)
- Loves the brethren [Joh 13:34-35](#); [Joh 15:12](#)
- Bears much fruit [Joh 15:8](#); [Mat 5:16](#)

## Cost Of Discipleship

- Jesus must come first [Luk 14:26](#); [Mat 10:34-36](#)
- Must forsake all to follow Jesus [Luk 14:33](#)
- Must be willing to suffer for Jesus [Luk 14:27](#)

## What are benefits of being a disciple?

- Rest for our souls [Mat 11:28-30](#)
- Freedom from sin [1Jn 1:9](#); [Eph 1:7](#)
- The gift of the Spirit [Gal 5:22-23](#)
- Peace beyond understanding [Rom 5:1](#); [Php 4:6-7](#)
- Joy beyond words [Joh 15:11](#); [Php 4:4](#)
- Love beyond knowledge [Eph 3:17-19](#); [1Jn 3:16](#)
- Fellowship in God's family [Mar 10:28-30](#)
- Comfort, hope for the future [2Co 1:3-5](#); [1Th 4:13-18](#)

## Rewards Of Discipleship

- Future blessings
  - Eternal life [Rom 5:9](#)
- Present blessings.
  - Peace, joy, love [Joh 14:27](#); [Joh 15:9-11](#)
  - Fellowship in the family of God [Mar 10:28-30](#)

## How does one become a Christian?

- Hear [Rom 10:17](#)
- Believe [Joh 6:29](#); [Mar 16:16](#)
- Repent [Luk 13:3](#)
- Confess [Rom 10:9-10](#)
- Be baptized [Act 22:16](#); [Mar 16:16](#)
- Live Faithfully, Continue to learn and Obey [Mat 28:20](#); [Act 2:42](#)

## Concluding Questions

- Have you become a disciple of Jesus?
- Are you truly a Christian and abiding in His Word?
- Are you experiencing the benefits of being a Christian?
- Are you anticipating experiencing the future benefits of being a Christian?
- If Not, ... Why Not?