

What It Really Means To Be  
**A CHRISTIAN**

*Christ Is, Therefore We Are ...*

*"O To Be Like Thee"*

2 CORINTHIANS 3:16-18



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# *A CHRISTIAN IS*

**Acts 11:26 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the **disciples** were first **called Christians** in Antioch.

**Disciple** = A learner, pupil

**Christian** = An adherent, follower, imitator of Christ

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## 1 Peter 4:16-17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Yet if *anyone* suffers as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. <sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at **the house of God**; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not **obey the gospel** of God?

**“The house of God”** = Those belonging to God, adopted as His children — Gal 3:26,27; Eph 1:5; John 1:12,13

**“Obey the gospel”** = To be baptized into Christ by faith & continue to obey Him — Acts 10:47,48; Gal. 3:27; Rom 6:3-19; 10:9-17

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**Acts 26:28 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me **to become a Christian.**"

**Christian** = One **MUST** choose to become a Christian or decline the Lord's invitation, (Mat 11:28-30; Jer. 6:16).

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# *A CHRISTIAN IS*

- ◆ **A BELIEVER IN Christ's Church** – John 20:30,31; Acts 2:36-38,47; 8:36-39; 16:31-34; Col. 2:12,13; Rom 6:3-6; Gal. 3:26,27
- ◆ **A CHILD of God** – John 1:11-13; 8:42-47; Rom 8:12-17; Gal. 3:26,27
- ◆ **A SAINT** – 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Col. 1:2; 2 Thes 1:10
- ◆ **A DISCIPLE of Jesus** – Luke 14:26,27; Mat 11:28-30; Jn 13:15; 1 Pet 2:21; 1 Jn 2:6
- ◆ **A FOLLOWER of Jesus** – Mat 16:24; Luke 6:46; 9:23-27; 1 Cor 11:1



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**JESUS IS OUR STANDARD**

2 Cor. 10:12  
(NKJV)

... they, measuring  
themselves by  
themselves, and  
comparing  
themselves among  
themselves, are not  
wise.

1 John 2:6  
(NKJV)

He who says  
he abides in  
Him ought  
himself also to  
walk just as He  
walked.



## 2 CORINTHIANS 3:16-18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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**WE ARE TO BE LIKE JESUS**

- ◆ **HUMILITY** — Obedience – Mat 11:28-30;  
Heb 5:8,9; Phili 2:1-9;
- ◆ **Respect for the SCRIPTURES** – Lk 24:44-48;  
Mat 4:4-10; 22:29-33; Jn 17:17; 12:48-50
- ◆ **Hating SIN** – Heb 1:9; Rev 2:15; Mat  
5:27-30; Mat 26:28; Gal. 1:4; Rom 8:3
- ◆ **SACRIFICIAL love & service** – Luke 22:27;  
Heb 2:9-18; John 13:12-16; Phili 2:1-9



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## *Christ Is, ...*

- ◆ **The Son of God** - John 1:14; Mat 3:17, (Is 42:1-9); 17:5;
- ◆ **The suffering Servant** – Is 53:11; Phili 2:5-8; Heb 5:8,9
- ◆ **The Prophesied Prophet** – Deut 18:18,19; Acts 3:21-23; 7:37; Mat 28:18-20; Heb 1:1,2; 2 John 1:9
- ◆ **The Apostle of God** - Heb 3:1-2; John 20:21-22



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## *Christ Is, Therefore We Are ...*

- ◆ **Son's of God by faith in Christ**  
Jesus - Gal. 3:26,27; Rom 8:12-17
- ◆ **Suffering Servants** – Mat. 5:11,12;  
1 Pet 4:12-16; 2 Tim 3:12
- ◆ **Teachers of the truth** – Heb  
5:12-14; Acts 4:20; 8:4; 1 Thes 1:8
- ◆ **Sent into the world** - Mat  
28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16; Mat  
5:13-16; Phil 2:14-16;



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## *Christ Is King of Kings*

- ◆ 1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16
- ◆ He is NOW on David's throne -  
(*Propheesied* - 2 Sam 7:12-16; 1 Chro 17:11-15; Isa. 9:6; Luke 1:26-33, 69;  
— *Fulfilled* - John 18:37; Acts 2:30-36; Heb. 1:3, 8; Matt. 28:18; Rev 1:4,5; 17:14; 19:16; Zec 6:12,13).
- ◆ Jesus will return that authority to the Father after the Judgment (1 Cor. 15:27-28).



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## *Christ Is King of Kings Therefore We Are ...*

- ◆ **Kings with Him on the earth** - Rev 1:5,6; 5:10; Mat 5:5
- ◆ Authority over error — Jn 8:32; 2 Cor 10:3-6
- ◆ Authority over temptation & sin — Eph 6:10-18; 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Jn 2:1,2
- ◆ Authority over trials — 1 Pet 1:6,7; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Rom 8:28-37; 1 Jn 5:4
- ◆ Authority over death — 1 Cor 15:54-58; Heb 2:14

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## *Christ Is Our High Priest*

◆ Zec 6:12-13 Heb 7:22-27

- ◆ Prophesied - (Ps 110:4; Zec 6:12-13)
- ◆ Appointed by God – (Heb 5:4-10)
- ◆ After the order of Melchizedek – not Aaron – (Heb 5:6,10; 7:13-17)
- ◆ He was sinless - (Heb. 5:1-10; 7:26).
- ◆ An enduring priesthood by virtue of His endless life (Heb. 7:15-25).
- ◆ Perfect sacrifice – once for ALL – (Heb 7:27; 10:10-14)



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## *Christ Is Our High Priest* *Therefore We Are ...*

### ◆ **Priest to offer spiritual sacrifices**

- ◆ A royal priesthood — 1 Pet 2:5,9; Rev 1:6; 5:10
- ◆ To give our bodies as living sacrifices — Rom 12:1,2; Heb 10:22; 13:21; Tit 2:12-14
- ◆ To be holy, sanctified unto God's service — Rom 12:2; 2 Tim 2:21; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1



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## *Christ Is The Chief Cornerstone*

- ◆ Isaiah 28:16; 1 Peter 2:4
  - ◆ Chosen by God & precious – (Is 42:1,2; Mat 12:18; 1 Pt 2:4)
  - ◆ Rejected by men - Many stumble over Him — (Psa 118:22; Mat 21:42; 1 Pet 2:4,7,8; Rom 9:32)
  - ◆ Precious to believers/ the obedient – (1 Pt 1:19; 2:7; Is 28:25; Phili 3:7-10)
  - ◆ The **ONLY** foundation for our salvation (1 Cor. 3:10,11; Acts 4:12; John 14:6).



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## *Christ Is The Chief Cornerstone Therefore We Are ...*

- ◆ **Christ's building** — 1 Cor 3:9-11
- ◆ Living stones who make up the Lord's spiritual house — 1 Pet 2:7; 1 Cor 3:12-15
- ◆ The temple of God — 1 Cor 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16
- ◆ Built by the Lord, not men — Heb 3:3-6; Eph 2:20-22



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## *Christ Is Our Advocate*

- ◆ 1 John 2:1; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 9:15
  - ◆ Appears before the Father on our behalf - (1 John 2:1)
  - ◆ The one and only mediator between God & man – (1 Tim 2:5-6)
  - ◆ The Mediator of the New Covenant – (Heb 9:15)
  - ◆ Always lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25; 9:24; Romans 8:34).



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## *Christ Is Our Advocate Therefore We Are ...*

- ◆ **Able to appear before God with confidence — Heb 4:16**
  - ◆ We have access to the Father — Eph 2:18; 3:12; Heb 7:19
  - ◆ His sacrifice & position provides the remedy for our sins — 1 Jn 2:1,2; 1:7; 4:10; Ro. 3:25, 26; 1 Pe. 2:24; 3:18
  - ◆ We are to intercede for others — 1 Tim 2:1; James 5:16; 2 Cor. 5:18-21



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**Jesus Is**

**Therefore Those In Christ Are**

**The Son of God**

Son's of God by faith in Christ

**The Suffering Servant**

Suffering Servants

**The Prophesied Prophet**

Hear Him / Obey Him / Repeat Him

**The Apostle of God**

Sent into the world

**King of Kings**

Kings with Him on the earth

**High Priest**

Priest to offer spiritual sacrifices

**The Chief Cornerstone**

Christ's building / Temple of God

**Our Advocate**

Able to appear before God with  
confidence

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Are YOU in Christ? —

Acts 2:38; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal. 3:26,27;  
Rom 6:3-17

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Are YOU Striving  
To Be Like Him? —

Heb 12:1,2; 2 Cor 3:18

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## EPHESIANS 4:17-23 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

## EPHESIANS 4:17-23 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,