

*What Does It Mean To Be A*

**Christian?**



# Are You A Christian?

What Makes One A Christian?



- ◆ Good person?
- ◆ Profession?
- ◆ Experience?
- ◆ Sincerity?
- ◆ Religious / goes to church?



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**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.

*DISCIPLES were CALLED Christians . . .*

*Chrēmatiszō "to give Divine admonition, instruction, revelation,"*

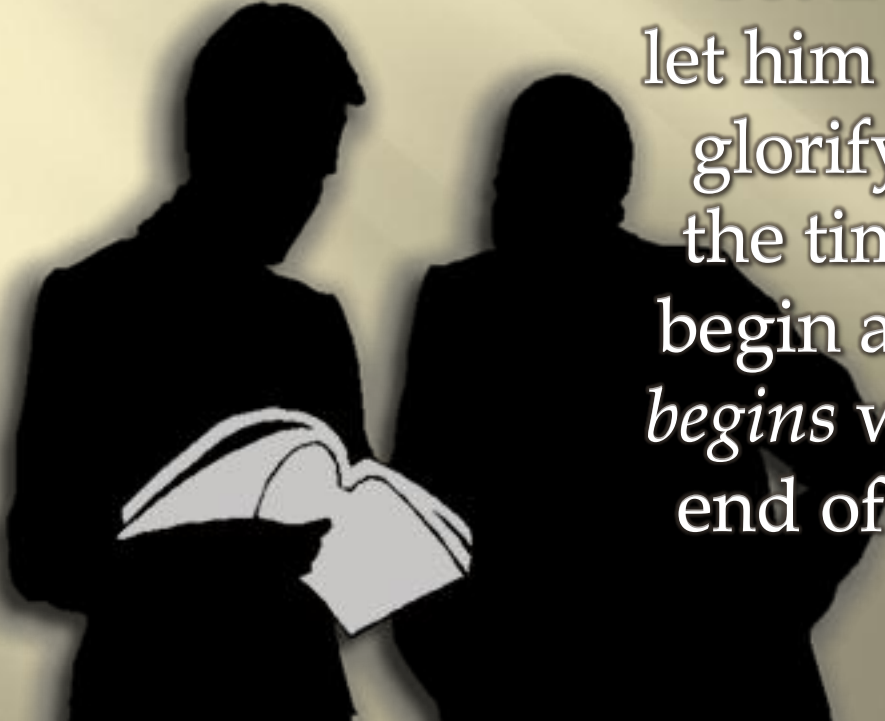
*— Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*



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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?



**Christian** = Member of God's household  
**Christian** = one who has obeyed the gospel

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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 can 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 Described As:

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- ◆ **A believer in Christ** – John 20:30,31; Acts 16:31-34
  - ◆ **A child of God** – John 1:11-13; 8:42-47; Gal. 3:26,27
  - ◆ **A friend of God** – John 15:14,15; Eph. 2:16; James 4:4
  - ◆ **A saint** – 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Col. 1:2; 2 Thes 1:10
  - ◆ **A pilgrim & stranger** – 1 Pet 2:11; cf. Heb 11:13-16


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- ◆ **A FOLLOWER of Jesus** – Mat 16:24; Luke 9:23-27; 1 Cor 11:1
    - ✦ **Devoted, loves God & is sacrificial** – Mat 10:32-39
    - ✦ **Obedient & serves** – Mat 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; 13:25-27; John 14:21-24; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 14:37; Col. 3:24
    - ✦ **Worships & praises** – John 4:22-24; Heb 10:24,25

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    - ✦ **About God's business** – Luke 2:49; Mat 25:14-31
    - ✦ **Suffers & reviles not** – 1 Pet 2:21-23; Rom. 12:17-21
    - ✦ **Loving & compassionate** – Mat 9:36; 18:27-33; Eph 5:2
    - ✦ **Forgiving** – Luke 23:34; Mat. 6:14-16



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## What Does It Cost? Luke 14:28-32



- ◆ **Cost Jesus leaving heaven**  
– John 1:14; Phili 2:5-8;  
Heb. 2:14,15
- ◆ **Cost Jesus His life** – Mat  
20:28; Heb 2:9,10; Mat.  
26:28
- ◆ **Cost God His Son** – John  
3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; 8:32

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◆ **Being a Christian cost us –**  
Mat. 13:44-46

- ✦ **Forsaking all** – Luke 14:26-33; Mat 10:34-39; 16:24,25
- ✦ **Life of sacrifice** – Rom 6:13-19; 12:1,2; Phil 1:20; Heb 13:15,16; 1 Pet. 2:5
- ✦ **Life of work** – John 6:27; Gal. 5:6; Phil 2:12

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Mat. 13:44-46

- ✦ Our pride –
- ✦ Our selfish desires –
- ✦ Many worldly “pleasures”
- ✦ Life of ease –
- ✦ Financially –
- ✦ Our energy –
- ✦ Our time –



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## What Does It Pay? Matthew 16:24-27



- ◆ **Many think it doesn't pay at all** – 2 Pet 3:3,4; Ps. 53:1
- ◆ **Many do not think it pays enough** – Luke 14:16-24
  - ✦ They consider things that are “here and now” as being more valuable and important – 2 Tim 4:10; Eccl. 1:14; Gal. 6:7-9; 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 3:10-13

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- ◆ **Being in the family of God –** Mat. 12:46-50; Acts 2:42-47
- ◆ **Happiness, peace and joy in this life –** Mat. 5:3-13; Luke 11:28; Eph 1:3-14; Psalm 29:11; Phili 4:6,7; John 14:27; 16:33; Rom. 4:7; 14:17; Gal. 5:22,23
- ◆ **Hope of eternal life –** Rom 15:13; Titus 1:2
- ◆ **Heaven –** Jn 14:1-6; 1 Pet 1:3-9



# *Are You A* **Christian?**



- ◆ **Have you heard the true gospel?**
- ◆ **Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?**
- ◆ **Have you repented?**
- ◆ **Have you confessed?**
- ◆ **Have you been baptized into Christ?**
- ◆ **Are you continuing in His doctrine?**



# *If You Are NOT A* **Christian?**



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♦ **Believe and  
obey the gospel  
NOW!!**

♦ **HEAVEN CAN BE  
YOUR ETERNAL  
HOME!**





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