

# Who Is a Christian?

Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16

## Introduction:

- A. “Christian” is used loosely in our society.
  - 1. Of various kinds of humanitarian projects and institutions.
  - 2. Of good men and women regardless of religious convictions or affiliations.
- B. “Christian” has a more restricted meaning in the Bible—we shall notice:
  - 1. What one can do and not be a Christian, yet must do if he is a Christian.
  - 2. What makes one a Christian.

## Discussion:

### **I. Some Things One Can Do And Not Be a Christian, Yet Christians must Do.**

- A. Be a good citizen. (Rom. 13:1-5).
- B. Be a good family person.
  - 1. A good spouse. (Eph. 5:22-26).
  - 2. A good parent. (Eph. 6:4).
  - 3. A good child. (Eph. 6:1).
- C. Be a good neighbor. (Rom. 13:9).
- D. Be religious and morally upright. (Acts 10:1-2)
  - 1. God fearing.
  - 2. Generous
  - 3. Praying.
  - 4. Honest. (2 Cor. 8:21 KJV)
  - 5. Truthful. (Eph. 4:25)
- E. Attend church regularly—do items of worship. (Heb. 10:25).
- F. Live with a good conscience. (Acts 23:1; 26:9; 24:16).

### **II. If One Can Do The Above And Not Be a Christian, Then What Is a Christian?**

- A. A Christian is a disciple of Christ. (Acts 11:26).
  - 1. Disciples are made by being baptized. (Matt. 28:18-20 NKJ, ASV).
  - 2. Disciples are made by being taught to observe all things commanded.
  - 3. Disciples are totally committed to Christ. (Luke 14:33).
- B. A Christian is saved — baptized are saved. (Mark 16:15,16).
  - 1. Has remission of sins. (Acts 2:38).
  - 2. Has sins washed away. (Acts 22:16)
- C. A Christian is a member of New Testament church.
  - 1. Baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:13) — body church. (Eph. 1:22,23).
  - 2. Saved added to church. (Acts 2:47).
  - 3. Not a member of a denomination.

## Conclusion:

- A. There are many things a Christian must do that non-Christians may do without being a Christian.
  - 1. So, do not assume that because you do many things Christians do that you are a Christian.
  - 2. Nor assume that because one can do them without being a Christian that as a Christian you can neglect them.
- B. If you want to be a Christian you have to believe, repent and be baptized and commit yourself to a life of obedience.