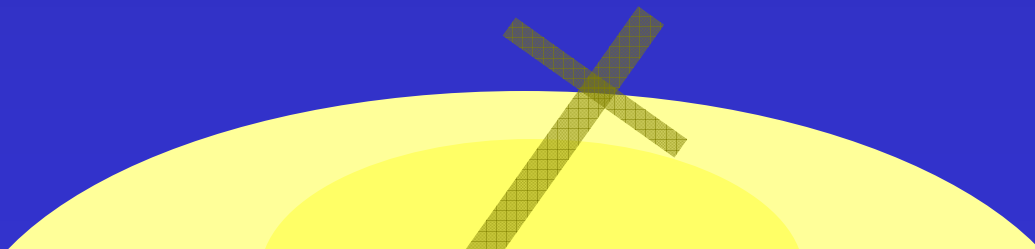


Just Christians

Acts 11:26



Just A Christian

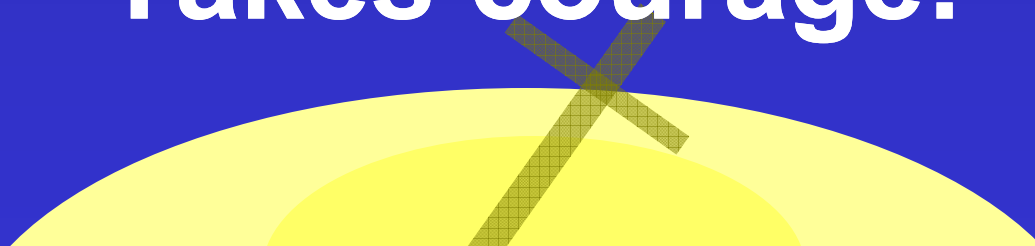
- Dictionary.com...**Christian**
 - A believer in Jesus
 - *“the devil believes also”*, James 2:19
 - A believer & exhibitor of the spirit of Jesus
 - Cornelius was a good man, Acts 10:1-2
 - One who studies, believes, follows, and exhibits the teachings of Jesus Christ
 - *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me”*, Luke 9:23

Is It Possible to Be Just a **Christian**?

- 1200 different religious groups in USA (IRS)
 - Church buildings on every corner
- Yet, Jesus speaks of **ONLY ONE** church
 - **Matthew 16:13-19**, “...upon this rock I will build MY CHURCH...”

Is it possible to be just a **CHRISTIAN**?

Takes courage!



Being Just A **Christian**...

- Goes against the world
 - **John 15:19**, *“If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”*
- Creates conflict in all types of relationships
 - **Luke 6:22**, *“Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake.”*

Being Just A **Christian**...

- Often conflicts with family
 - **Matthew 10:37**, *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”*
- The greatest name one can wear on earth
 - **1 Peter 4:16**, *“if any man suffer as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”*
 - **Romans 1:16**, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation”*

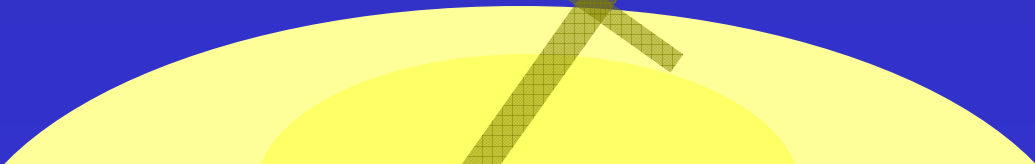
Jesus' Disciples Called **Christians** First at Antioch

– **Acts 11:26**, *“And when he (Barnabus) had found him (Paul), 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.”*

Before, disciples

Now, just **Christians**

Why Just “Christians” ?

- Not just disciples of anyone
 - **John 9:28**, “*Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses’ disciples.*”
 - **Matthew 22:16**, “*Pharisees...sent out unto him their disciples...*”
 - **Matthew 9:14**, “*Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?”*
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Being Just “**Christians**” Set Them Apart

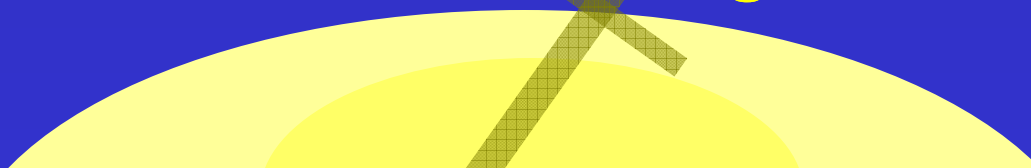
- “**Christian**” identified them as followers of the Christ, the son of the living God!
 - **Luke 9:23**, “*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*”
- Can’t be a “**Christian**”, W/O following Christ
 - **Luke 14:27**, “*whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple*”

Gotta walk the walk & talk the talk

Faith & Works Go Hand-In Hand, **James 5:18**

Just “**Christians**”, Nothing More, Nothing Less

- “**Christians**” follow ONLY the Bible
 - **Galatians 3:23-24**, “...*the (OLD) law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come...no longer under a schoolmaster.*”
 - **Colossians 2:14**, Jesus took the OLD LAW, “*out of the way nailing it to his cross.*”
 - **Romans 15:4**, “*things were written aforetime were written for our learning*”



Just “**Christians**”,

Nothing More , Nothing Less

- “**Christians**” follow ONLY the NEW LAW
 - **Hebrews 8:6**, “he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises...if first covenant had been faultless... no place...for the second.”
 - **Hebrews 9:15**, “he is the mediator of the new testament...by the means of death, for the redemption of transgressions under the first testament...receive the promise of eternal life”

WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED

Ephesians 1:3

Revelation 22:18-19

Just “**Christians**”, Nothing More , Nothing Less

- Name **Christian** should mean something
 - **1 John 2:5-6**, *“whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”*
 - **2 Corinthians 13:5**, *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

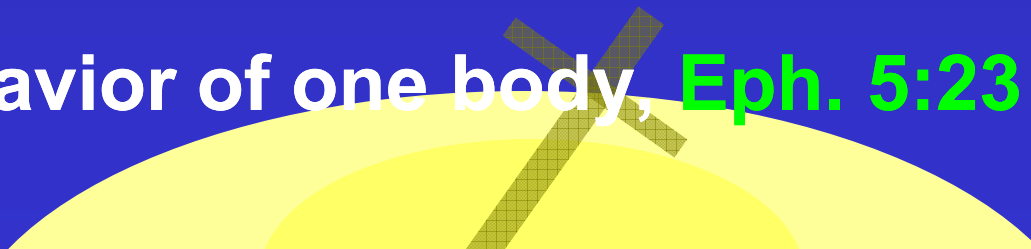
Just “**Christians**”, Nothing More , Nothing Less

- **Christians**, refuse to glorify men
 - 1 Corinthians 11:1, *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”*
 - Matthew 23:9-10, *“call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.”*

*No preeminence, No exalting title,
No name but **CHRISTIAN***

Just “Christians”, Nothing More , Nothing Less

- “Christians” and “Christians” ONLY
 - God gave the name, **Acts 11:26**
 - Jesus built His church, **Matt. 16:18**
 - Purchased church w/His blood, **Acts 20:28**
 - The church is His body, **Col. 1:18, 24**
 - He’s head of one body, **Col. 1:18; Eph. 4:4-6**
 - Church is His bride, **Matt. 25:1-13**
 - He’s savior of one body, **Eph. 5:23**



How Does One Become Just A “Christian”?

The Bible Says....

- FAITH, by hearing Gospel, **Romans 10:17**
 - **Acts 8:35**, Philip *“preached unto him Jesus”*
- BELIEVE Jesus is son of God, **John 8:24**
 - **Acts 8:37**, *“I believe”*
- REPENT of sins or perish, **Luke 13:3**
 - **2 Corinthians 2:10**, *“godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation”*

How Does One Become Just A “Christian”?

- **CONFESS** before men that Jesus is God’s son, **Matthew 10:32-33**
 - **Acts 8:37**, *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God.”*
- **BAPTIZED** for remission of sins, **Acts 2:38**
 - **Acts 8:38**, *“they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”*
 - **Mark 16:16; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-7; Gal. 3:27**
- **FAITHFUL** until death, **Revelation 2:10**

How to Be a Faithful **Christian** ?

- Be a part of a local congregation that teaches & respects **ONLY** the authority of Christ, **Romans 16:16**
- Faithfully attend worship & fellowship with other **Christians**, **Hebrews 10:25**
- Worship according to God's will, **John 4:24**
 - Sing, Pray, Give, Lord's Supper, God's Word
- Seek & follow **ONLY** God's word, **2 Tim. 2:15**
 - *“Study to show thyself approved unto God”*

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