
A Definition of a Christian

A Christian is born of God, engrafted into Christ, and a habitation for the Holy Spirit. His nature is renewed, his mind illumined, his spirit changed. He is not what he was, for grace hath made a difference; he is not what he desires to be, for grace is not yet perfected; he is not what he shall be, for grace shall be consummated in glory. The knowledge of Christ is his treasure; the mind of Christ his evidence; the love of Christ his song; conformity to Christ his life; to be with Christ his preeminent desire.

By faith he rests on Christ, receives Christ, and looks to Christ. He hears Christ's words, treads in Christ's steps, and seeks Christ's approbation.

He speaks the language of the Savior's kingdom, reveres the Savior's statutes and laws, obeys His ordinances, wears His costume, and lives to His glory.

The life of Christ within him is the principle of his being, and because Christ ever lives, he shall live also. In the Christian, Christ lives, and speaks, and acts.

He is Christ's representative on earth, His witness before men, and His follower before God. The Christian hearkens to Christ's teachings, rests on Christ's sacrifice, avails himself of Christ's meditation, and cheerfully obeys Christ's royal laws. He inquires what would Christ have me know, what do, and what enjoy.

To know Christ, is Christianity intellectual; to obey Christ, Christianity practical; to enjoy Christ, Christianity perfected. As bread to the hungry, as water to the thirsty, as the rock in the sultry day, is Christ to the Christian.

The Christian is in the world, but not of it; among the world, but yet separate from it; passing through the world, without attachment to it. The idolater boasts in his idols, the Mohammedan in the false prophet, and the Romanist in the virgin, but the Christian glories only in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christian is a man and may err, an imperfect man, and may sin; but a renewed man, and shall have his fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life.

The Christian is a warrior, and must fight; but he is conqueror, and must prevail. The Christian sojourns on earth, but dwells in heaven; a pilgrim in the desert, but an enrolled denizen of the skies.

The Christian is the impress of Christ, the reflection of the Father, and the temple of the Holy Ghost. Contrast him with the infidel, in his faith; with the profligate, in his life; with the merely moral, in his heart; and with the

Pharisee, in his spirit. His pedigree, from Jehovah; his nature, from heaven; and his name, from Antioch.

Oh, Christian; great is thy dignity, refulgent thy glory, interminable thy blessed hope. All things are thine, thou art Christ's and Christ is God's.

Are you not glad, happy, pleased, satisfied, gratified, content and appreciative that you belong to Christ??? May God strengthen your walk with Christ.

Our True Identity in Christ

[Romans 3:24](#) We are justified (declared righteous).

[Romans 8:1](#) No condemnation awaits us.

[Romans 8:2](#) We are set free from the power of sin that leads to death.

[1 Corinthians 1:2](#) We are sanctified (made holy) in Jesus Christ.

[1 Corinthians 1:30](#) We are pure and holy in Christ.

[1 Corinthians 15:22](#) We will be given new life at the resurrection.

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#) We are new persons.

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) We are made right with God.

[Galatians 3:28](#) We are one in Christ with all other believers.

[Ephesians 1:3](#) We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

[Ephesians 1:4](#) We are holy and without fault.

[Ephesians 1:5, 6](#) We are adopted as God's children.

[Ephesians 1:7](#) Our sins are taken away, and we are forgiven.

[Ephesians 1:10, 11](#) We will be brought under Christ's authority.

[Ephesians 1:13](#) We are identified as belonging to God by the Holy Spirit.

[Ephesians 2:6](#) We have been raised up to sit with Christ in the heavenly realms.

[Ephesians 2:10](#) We are God's masterpiece.

[Ephesians 2:13](#) We have been brought near to God.

[Ephesians 3:6](#) We share in the promise of blessings through Christ.

[Ephesians 3:12](#) We can come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

[Ephesians 5:29, 30](#) We are members of Christ's body, the church.

[Colossians 2:10](#) We are made complete in Christ.

[Colossians 2:11](#) We are set free from our sinful nature.

[2 Timothy 2:10](#) We will have eternal glory.

Let us remember who we are as we start 2018.

God Bless

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