

# Wearing the Name Christian

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# The Name Christian in Scripture

- I Peter 4:16 – “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.”
- Acts 11:26 - "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."
- Acts 26:28 - "And Agrippa said to Paul, 'You almost persuaded me to become a Christian.'"

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- Such cannot truly wear the name of Christ

# What is a Christian?

- More than
  - A baptized person
  - A church member
  - A weekly worshipper

# A Christian

- Has an honorable name

## Isaiah 62:1-2 ESV

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

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## Acts 5:40-42 ESV

and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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# Ephesians 1:3 ESV

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the  
heavenly places,

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# John 14:1-6 ESV

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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- Has responsibilities

# Responsibilities of the Christian

- As a Disciple we must Learn.
- As a Follower we must Imitate.
- As a Child of God we must Love and Obey
- As a Servant we are to be Loyal

## Luke 17:10 ESV

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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## 2 Peter 1:5-9 ESV

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

## 2 Peter 1:5-9 ESV

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

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- Reaching out to others – Matt. 5:14-16

## Luke 9:22-26 ESV

saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.