

# What Is A Christian?

(Acts 11:26)

- Introduction:
1. The term “Christian” is almost universally recognized today.
  2. However, very few people truly understand what a Christian is.
  3. Many people even claim this title for themselves, when in reality they are not a Christian.
  4. In this lesson, I seek to identify who Scripture teaches is a Christian.

## I. One Like Christ – Imitation

- A. (1 Peter 2:21) leaving us an example that we should follow in his steps...
- B. (1 Corinthians 11:1) Be a follower of me...
- C. (Galatians 2:20) Christ lives in me...
- D. However, imitation alone does not make one a Christian.
- E. Ills. Imitating a Boy Scout doesn't make one a Boy Scout.

## II. One In Christ – Location

- A. (Galatians 3:26-27).
  1. What? — Sons of God.
  2. How? — By (the) faith.
  3. Where — In Christ Jesus
  4. When? — For as many as have been baptized...have put on Christ.
- B. (Romans 6:3).
- C. Ills. Flood and Ark; Passover and houses with blood.

## III. One For Christ – Vocation

- A. Vocation refers to our occupation.
- B. A Christian is one who lives and works for Christ.
- C. A steward, a soldier, an athlete, a servant, a spokesman...
- D. Ills. Of people who were in Christ, but through time got lazy and worldly and stopped living for Jesus.

## IV. One With Christ – Destination

- A. We are with Christ now (Matthew 28:19-20) and we will be with him forever.
- B. (John 14:1-3).
- C. (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- D. Ills. Of “Under-rower.”

- Conclusion:
1. There are many thoughts about who is a Christian, but put aside the thinking of men, and allow the word of God to answer that question.
  2. A Christian can be identified by his imitation, location, vocation, and destination.
  3. Are you a Christian? Do you have the right to wear the name of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:13)?