

A Real Christian

TEXT: Acts 11:26

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THE WORD "CHRISTIAN" IS USED MANY WAYS.
- B. IN THE BIBLE IT REFERS TO TRUE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.
 - 1. Jesus taught a manner of life. Real Christians live that life.
 - 2. How does a real Christian live?

A REAL CHRISTIAN...

I. IS GIVEN TO PRAYER.

- A. PRAYER IS A REGULAR PRACTICE(**1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1**).
- B. PRAYER WILL BE ANSWERED(**Matt. 7:7-11**).
- C. IT SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THANKS(**Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:6**).

II. IS A CAREFUL AND DILIGENT BIBLE STUDENT.

- A. THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE STUDY.
 - 1. The Gospel is the power of God(**Rom. 1:16**).
 - 2. It equips us to live(**2 Tim. 3:16-17**).
 - 3. It equips us to teach(**2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 5:12**).
 - 4. We should be able to give answer(**1 Pet. 3:15**).
- B. DAVID EXEMPLIFIES THE RIGHT ATTITUDE(**Psa. 119:97**).

III. LIVES WHAT HE TEACHES.

- A. WE ARE TO WALK WORTHILY(**Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27**).
- B. NEW CREATURES, NEW LIVES(**Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:20-24**).

IV. IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OTHERS' SALVATION.

- A. THE GREATEST WORK(**James 5:19-20**).
- B. FOR OUTSIDERS(**Matt. 9:36-38**).
- C. FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS(**Gal. 6:1; Heb. 3:12**).

V. ASSEMBLES WITH THE SAINTS(Acts 2:42).

- A. JESUS IS THERE(**Matt. 18:20**).
- B. FOR WHAT HE CAN DERIVE(**Heb. 10:24**).
- C. IN APPRECIATION(**Heb. 10:25**).

VI. REALLY BELIEVES(Heb. 11:6).

- A. GOD IS FAITHFUL(**2 Tim. 2:11-13**).
- B. FAITH BRINGS THE CHRISTIAN TO COMMIT(**1 Pet. 4:19**).

VII. HAS A FAITH FOUNDED UPON THE WORD (Rom. 10:17).

- A. THAT FAITH MOTIVATES AND DIRECTS HIM(**2 Cor. 5:7**).
- B. HE IS BOUND BY IT(**Rom.14:23; 2 John 9**).
- C. HE IS JUSTIFIED BY IT(**Rom. 1:17**).

CONCLUSION: WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

- A. A DISCIPLE(**Acts 11:26**).
- B. WHAT IS A DISCIPLE?(**John 8:31-32**).
 - 1. Abides in his word - Obeys.
 - 2. Follows a discipline.
- C. HOW DOES ONE BECOME A DISCIPLE?
 - 1. **Matt. 28:19-20**. How to make a disciple.

2. **1 Cor. 10:1-2**. An initiation into the discipline(**Rom. 6:3-4**).