

What Does it Mean to be a Christian?

Romans 6

- Christian

- Acts 11:26

- Acts 26:28

- 1 Peter 4:16

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
 - It means that you've been born again
 - Romans 6:2-4

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“...How shall we who **died to sin** live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in **newness of life**”

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
 - It means that you've been born again
 - John 3:3-5
 - Born of water and the Spirit
 - Born of the Spirit
 - James 1:18
 - 1 Peter 1:22-23

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“Of his own will **begat** he us **with the word of truth**,
that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his
creatures.”

1 Peter 1:22-23

“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been **born again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, **through the word of God** which lives and abides forever...”

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 - It means that you've been born again
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 - Born of water and the Spirit
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 - James 1:18
 - 1 Peter 1:22-23
 - Born of water
 - Acts 10:47

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“Can anyone forbid **water**, that these should not **be baptized** who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
 - It means that you've been born again

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
 - It means that you obeyed “that form of doctrine”
 - Romans 6:17

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“But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you **obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** to which you were delivered”

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
 - It means that you obeyed that form of doctrine
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - Romans 10:16
 - “obeyed the gospel”

- What does it mean to be a Christian?
 - It means that you obeyed the gospel

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
 - It means that you've been forgiven of your past trespasses
 - Romans 6:7
 - Romans 4:7-8
 - Colossians 2:13

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
 - It means that you died to sin, and you are walking in newness of life
 - Ephesians 2:1
 - You were *dead in sin* before you became a Christian
 - Colossians 1:21
 - Alienated and enemies of God
 - Romans 6:2
 - Now *dead to sin*
 - Romans 6:11
 - Now you are alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord
 - Colossians 1:19-20
 - At peace with God
 - Romans 6:4
 - Now walking in newness of life
 - Galatians 2:20
 - “How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**

- It means that you have changed masters

- Romans 6:13, 16-19

- You are presenting yourself to God and your members as instruments of righteousness to God

- Romans 6:19

- The fruit is holiness

- Romans 6:22-23

- The wages is everlasting life

- By contrast, the wages from the former master was death

- Romans 6:12

- Sin must not reign in your body, that you should obey its lusts

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**
 - It means that you are in a new relationship in subjection to the authority of Christ
 - Romans 6:2
 - Into Christ Jesus
 - Colossians 1:18; 2:19
 - He is your Head
 - Ephesians 5:24
 - Ephesians 1:22

- **What does it mean to be a Christian?**

- ✓ It means that you've been born again
- ✓ It means that you obeyed that form of doctrine, the gospel
- ✓ It means that you've been forgiven of your past trespasses
- ✓ It means that you died to sin, and you are walking in newness of life
- ✓ It means that you have changed masters
- ✓ It means that you are in a new relationship in subjection to the authority of Christ

- Have you been born again, of the water and the Spirit?
- Have you obeyed that form of doctrine, the gospel?

If you have...

- Are you a slave of righteousness?
- Are you presenting your members as instruments of righteousness?
- Are you in subjection to the authority of Christ in all things?