

Sermon: Who's a Christian?

Texts: Acts 11 verse 26

Bible Passage: Luke 10 verse 25- 37 and Matthew 25 verse 31-46

Let us look at who a Christian is? In our present day we have different definitions for who a Christian is compared to the Biblical and Godly definition of a Christian.

In this age we define a Christian as

- A pastor
- A worker in the house of God
- Workers of miracles
- Prayer warriors
- Bible scholars and teachers of the Bible
- The one that speaks in tongue

The Bible in Acts 11 verse 26 says and when he had found him he brought him unto Antioch and it came to pass that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church and taught much people and the disciples were called CHRISTIANS first in Antioch.

They called them Christians because they saw the characters of Jesus in them (as seen in Philippians 2 verse 5

Who then is a Christian?

- Someone who has personally encountered Jesus
- Someone whose eyes is open to the things of God
- Those who are born again
- Baptised in water and in spirit
- Who believe and practice what the Bible is saying
- They are the peace makers Matthew 5 verse 5-11
- Bearing the fruit of the spirit as in Galatians 5 verses 22- 23
- Those who are always doing good
- Walk in the way of the Lord rather than the way of the flesh
- Lovers of God and things of God
- True hearer, teacher and doers of the word
- Support the preaching and the spreading of the Gospel
- Withstands persecutions
- That have control over his lips
- Not given to drinks
- Have control over anger
- Someone who loves his neighbour like himself (Luke 10 verses 25- 37 example of the good Samaritan)

Who then can be saved or who then is a true Christian that will inherit the kingdom of God?

Matthew 19 verse 25 and Matthew 25 verse 31- 46

In Matthew 25 verse 31- 46, the Bible talked about the parable of the sheep and the goats. Unless you do like the sheep you cannot enter the kingdom of God. You also need to accept the word of the Lord as seen in Mark 16 verse 16

For you to be called a Christian, you must show not only within the Church that you are one but also unto the world that you are actually one and they must be the one to call you a CHRISTIAN. **If the world has not called you a Christian, you are not one.**

Claiming to be a Christian when you are not is like inviting troubles like the son's of Sceva in Acts 19 verse 13- 16

Are you are Christian or not, do you want to be a Christian? If yes this are what needs to be done

- Sincerely confess your sins and ask God for forgiveness
- Ask God to show you the x-ray of your life
- Pray for the Holy spirit
- Start doing good
- Pray always not to fall back

Prayers

- 1.** I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and personal saviour in the name of Jesus
- 2.** Lord Jesus open my eyes to see my hidden sins in the name of Jesus
- 3.** Whatever I'm doing that is against the love of Christ be removed from me now in the name of Jesus
- 4.** I refused to be a Christian by mouth but by my characters and conducts in the name of Jesus
- 5.** Lord empower me to impact lives within and around my communities in the name of Jesus
- 6.** Lord Jesus plant in me the seed of true Christianity in the name of Jesus
- 7.** I have decided to follow the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ in the name of Jesus
- 8.** My life shall do things that will make the world to call me a Christian in the name of Jesus
- 9.** Angel of the living God guide me daily in my conduct so as not to disgrace the lord in the name of Jesus
- 10.** Lord make me a true witness and not an hypocrite in the house of God in the name of Jesus
- 11.** Whatever I'm struggling with that will make me fail God release me now in the name of Jesus
- 12.** My Father let me abide in you and you in me always in the name of Jesus
- 13.** Lies in me that is making me to live a double life jump out and die in the name of Jesus
- 14.** My way of life on earth shall not send me to hell fire in the name of Jesus
- 15.** Father Lord if I'm on the way to hell draw me back by your mighty hand in the name of Jesus
- 16.** Holy Ghost let my life carry your fire daily in the name of Jesus
- 17.** I refused to kill the fire of God in my life with my own hands in the name of Jesus
- 18.** Whatever is inside of me that hates the truth, expire now in the name of Jesus
- 19.** The Lord shall not be disappointed in me in the name of Jesus
- 20.** Lord I thank you for making me a true witness and Christian in the name of Jesus