

***Be a Christian by Being  
a Christian***



**Sunday 27 February 2025**

## The term “Christian”:

- Is first used in Antioch around 40 AD and is first used in Acts 11:26
- Comes from the Greek word Christianoi, which means “follower of Christ”



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The world has created its own, new version or definition of Christianity – something that suits it. Something that creates allowance for sin and something that takes less effort and commitment; a convenient hobby.



# Be a Christian by being a Christian: *The Reality*





# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Behave like a Christian*

***Romans 12:9***

*9Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12rejoicing in hope, patient[c] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13distributing to the needs of the saints, given[d] to hospitality. 14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Behave like a Christian*

***Romans 12:9....***

*15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

*17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have[e] regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Behave like a Christian*

***Romans 12:9....***

*19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;*

*If he is thirsty, give him a drink;*

*For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*

*21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*



# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

## *The Highest Standard*

### ***Romans 6:2-4***

*[2] Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? [3] Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? [4] 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.*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*A full, permanent, undiluted commitment*

***Luke 9:57-62***

*Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."*

*58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

*59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me."*

*But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."*

*60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*A full, permanent, undiluted commitment*

***Luke 9:57-62....***

*61And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."*

*62But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*



# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Following His commandments*

***John 14:21***

*[21] He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*The required love of people and of God*

**Matthew 22:34-40**

*[34] Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. [35] One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: [36] “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” [37] Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*We are measured*

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- **Luke 14:34-35**

*[34] “Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? [35] Flavorless salt is good neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. It is thrown away. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!”*





# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

## *The cost*

### ***Luke 14:26-29***

*[26] “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. [27] And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. [28] “But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?”*

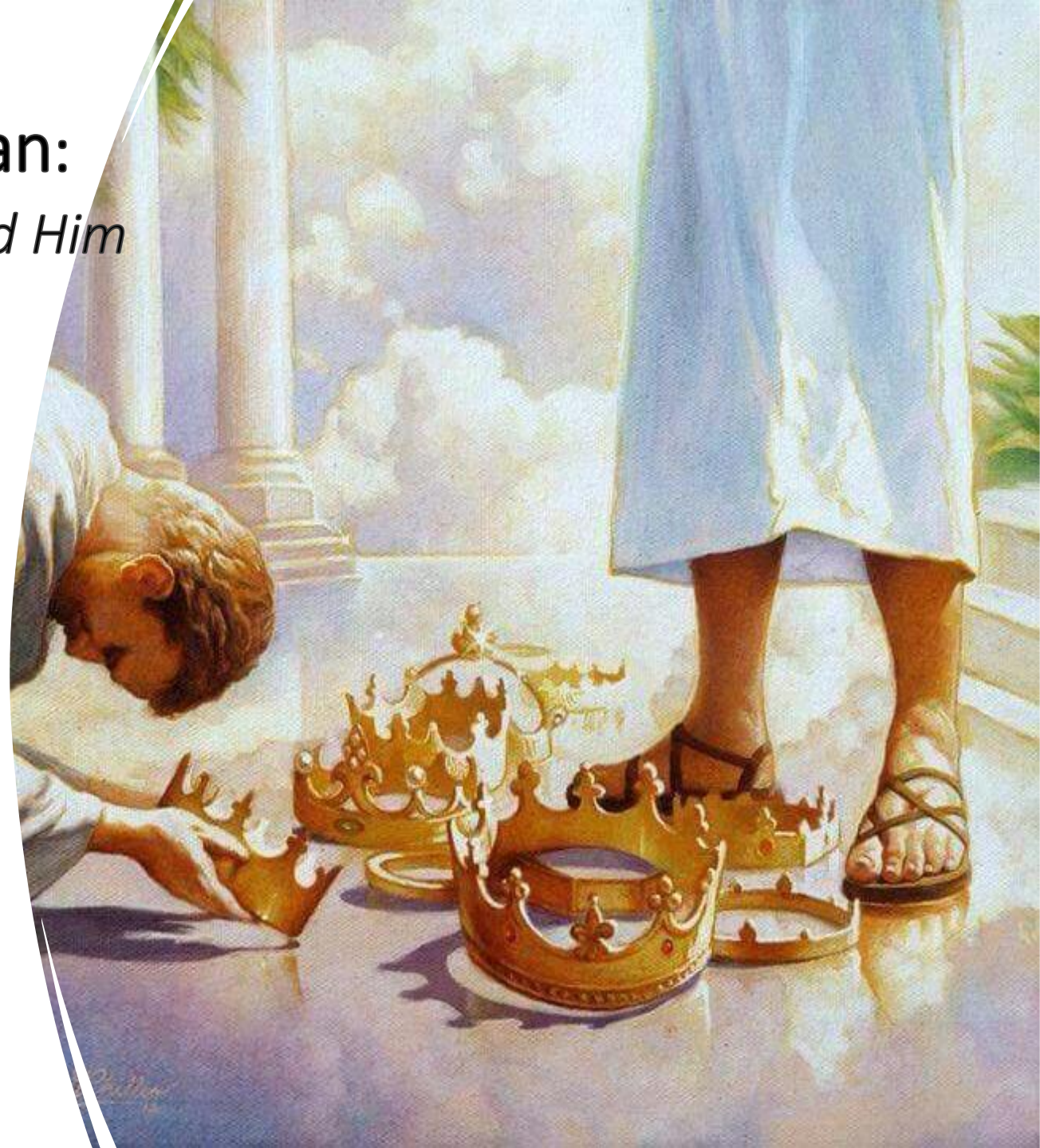
# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Knowing our position and posture toward Him*

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- **Revelation 4:9**

*9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*



# Be a Christian by being a Christian:

*Living in relationship*

- ***Time***
- ***Commitment***
- ***Prayer***
- ***Love***
- ***Spirit***

***John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”***



A scenic view of a mountain range under a blue sky with a white quote overlaid. The mountains are rugged and rocky, with some greenery on the slopes. In the foreground, there is a lush green hillside with various plants and flowers. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

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Christian. Anything else is  
something else.*





*Let us pray.*