

CHRISTIAN – an adherent or follower of Christ. The word occurs three times in the New Testament: “The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26); Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28); Peter exhorted, “If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed” (1 Pet. 4:16). In each instance, the word Christian assumes that the person called by the name was a follower of Christ. Christians were loyal to Christ, just as the Herodians were loyal to Herod (Matt. 22:16; Mark 3:6; 12:13). The designation of the early followers of Christ as Christians was initiated by the non-Christian population of Antioch. Originally it may have been a term of derision. Eventually, however, Christians used it of themselves as a name of honor, not of shame. Prior to their adoption of the name, the Christians called themselves believers (Acts 5:14), brothers (Acts 6:3), or saints (Acts 9:13), names that also continued to be used. In modern times the name Christian has been somewhat emptied of its true meaning as a follower of Christ. To some today, Christian means little more than a European or American who is not Jewish, while others have sought to make its proper use the name of a particular denomination. However, its original meaning is a noble one, of which any follower of Christ can rightly be proud.

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This booklet has been compiled from the new Topical Textbook, and the Bible extracts taken from the references mentioned in the Bible. I hope that this may become easier for you to find out His message relating to this Topic directly from the Bible, and how you could apply this to your personal life according to the world around you and your own circumstances.

Believing in the message and without doubt, one begins to realize how from the beginning of the Bible until the end, God does give us the same message, and no matter how we try to interpret it, the essence and core of our explanation comes directly from the His Word.

We will miss out on the issues relating to these extracts but I trust that these extracts will lead you to further study these circumstances and story leading to these messages.

This has been my Way of discovery, from my own personal decision to find out more about my Creator and what He wants of me. Through His Word He has revealed many insights that have excited me to keep searching for more, and this has now become a daily habit for me.

Best wishes in your discovery, through your own and personal commitment!

Enjoy your Day!

...through Jesus Christ our saviour!

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⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be filled.

⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful,

For they shall obtain mercy.

⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. ¹² "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

John 15:10

¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 7:17

¹⁷ "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own authority.

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalm 19:9-11

⁹ **The fear of the LORD** *is* clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD *are* true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them *there is* great reward.

Psalm 50:23

²³ **Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;**
And to him who orders his conduct aright
I will show the salvation of God."

Matthew 5:3-12

³ **"Blessed are the poor in spirit,**
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴ **Blessed are those who mourn,**
For they shall be comforted.
⁵ **Blessed are the meek,**
For they shall inherit the earth.

Conduct, Christian.

1. Believing God. **Mr 11:22; Joh 14:11,12.**
2. Fearing God. **Ec 12:13; 1Pe 2:17.**
3. Loving God. **De 6:5; Mt 22:37.**
4. Following God. **Eph 5:1; 1Pe 1:15,16.**
5. Obeying God. **Lu 1:6; 1Jo 5:3.**
6. Rejoicing in God. **Ps 33:1; Hab 3:18.**
7. Believing in Christ. **Joh 6:29; 1Jo 3:23.**
8. Loving Christ. **Joh 21:15; 1Pe 1:7,8.**
9. Following the example of Christ. **Joh 13:15; 1Pe 2:21-24.**
10. Obeying Christ. **Joh 14:21; 15:14.**
11. Living
 - a. To Christ. **Ro 14:8; 2Co 5:15.**
 - b. To righteousness. **Mic 6:8; Ro 6:18; 1Pe 2:24.**
 - c. Soberly, righteously, and godly. **Tit 2:12.**
12. Walking
 - a. Honestly. **1Th 4:12.**
 - b. Worthy of God. **1Th 2:12.**
 - c. Worthy of the Lord. **Col 1:10.**
 - d. In the Spirit. **Ga 5:25.**
 - e. After the Spirit. **Ro 8:1.**
 - f. In newness of life. **Ro 6:4.**
 - g. Worthy of vocation. **Eph 4:1.**
 - h. As children of light. **Eph 5:8.**
13. Rejoicing in Christ. **Php 3:1; 4:4.**
14. Loving one another. **Joh 15:12; Ro 12:10; 1Co 13:1-13; Eph 5:2; Heb 13:1.**
15. Striving for the faith. **Php 1:27; Jude 1:3.**
16. Putting away all sin. **1Co 5:7; Heb 12:1.**
17. Abstaining from all appearance of evil. **1Th 5:22.**
18. Perfecting holiness. **Mt 5:48; 2Co 7:1; 2Ti 3:17.**
19. Hating defilement. **Jude 1:23.**
20. Following after that which is good. **Php 4:8; 1Th 5:15; 1Ti 6:11.**
21. Overcoming the world. **1Jo 5:4,5.**

22. Adorning the gospel. **Mt 5:16; Tit 2:10.**
23. Showing a good example. **1Ti 4:12; 1Pe 2:12; Tit 2:7.**
24. Abounding in the work of the Lord. **1Co 15:58; 2Co 8:7; 1Th 4:1.**
25. Shunning the wicked. **Ps 1:1; 2Th 3:6.**
26. Controlling the body. **1Co 9:27; Col 3:5.**
27. Subduing the temper. **Eph 4:26; Jas 1:19.**
28. Submitting to injuries. **Mt 5:39-41; 1Co 6:7.**
29. Forgiving injuries. **Mt 6:14; Ro 12:20.**
30. Living peaceably with all. **Ro 12:18; Heb 12:14.**
31. Visiting the afflicted. **Mt 25:36; Jas 1:27.**
32. Doing as we would be done by. **Mt 7:12; Lu 6:31.**
33. Sympathising with others. **Ga 6:2; 1Th 5:14.**
34. Honouring others. **Ps 15:4; Ro 12:10.**
35. Fulfilling domestic duties. **Eph 6:1-8; 1Pe 3:1-7.**
36. Submitting to Authorities. **Ro 13:1-7.**
37. Being liberal to others. **Ac 20:35; Ro 12:13.**
38. Being contented. **Php 4:11; Heb 13:5.**
39. Blessedness of maintaining. **Ps 1:1-3; 19:9-11; 50:23; Mt 5:3-12; Joh 15:10; 7:17**

Being liberal to others

Acts 20:35

³⁵“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Romans 12:13

¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Being contented

Philippians 4:1

¹Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Hebrews 13:5

⁵Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Blessedness of maintaining

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man

¹ Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,

the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Submitting to Authorities

Romans 13:1-7

¹Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Believing God

Mark 11:22

²² So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

John 14:11,12

¹¹ "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Fearing God

Ecclesiastes 12:13

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments,
For this is man's all.

1 Peter 2:17

¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Loving God

Deuteronomy 6:5

⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Matthew 22:37

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ”

Following God

Ephesians 5:1

¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

1 Peter 1:15, 16

¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,
¹⁶ because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Obeying God

Luke 1:6

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

1 John 5:3

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

⁵ Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹ Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. ³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward – arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel – ⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. ⁵ For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.
⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to

Sympathising with others

Galatians 6:2

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

Honouring others

Psalms 15:4

⁴ In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change;

Romans 12:10

¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Fulfilling domestic duties

Ephesians 6:1-8

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Rejoicing in God

Psalms 33:1

¹ **Rejoice in the LORD**, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.

Habakkuk 3:18

¹⁸ **Yet I will rejoice in the LORD**,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Believing in Christ

John 6:29

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

1 John 3:23

²³ And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Loving Christ

John 21:15

¹⁵ **So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"** He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

1 Peter 1:7,8

⁷that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

Following the example of Christ

John 13:15

¹⁵ “For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

1 Peter 2:21-24

²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²²“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;
²²who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

Living peaceably with all

Romans 12:18

¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Visiting the afflicted

Matthew 25:36

³⁶ ‘I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

James 1:27

²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Doing as we would be done by

Matthew 7:12

¹² “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Luke 6:31

³¹ “And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

James 1:19

¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

Submitting to injuries

Matthew 5:39-41

³⁹ “But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰ “If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. ⁴¹ “And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

1 Corinthians 6:7

⁷ Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather *let yourselves* be cheated?

Forgiving injuries

Matthew 6:14

¹⁴ “**For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

Romans 12:20

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.”

Obeying Christ

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.”

John 15:14

¹⁴ “**You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**

Living. . .

. . . to Christ

Romans 14:8

⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

2 Corinthians 5:15

¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

... to Righteousness

Micah 6:8

⁸**He has shown you, O man, what is good;**
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Romans 6:18

¹⁸And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24

²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

... Soberly, righteously and godly

Titus 2:12

¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Shunning the wicked

Psalm 1:1

¹Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 Thessalonians 3:6

⁶ But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

Controlling the body

1 Corinthians 9:27

²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Colossians 3:5

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Subduing the temper

Ephesians 4:26

²⁶ “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

1 Peter 2:12

¹² having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Titus 2:7

⁷ in all things showing yourself *to be* a pattern of good works; in doctrine *showing* integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

Abounding in the work of the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:58

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8:7

⁷ But as you abound in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us – *see* that you abound in this grace also.

1 Thessalonians 4:1

¹ Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

Walking. . .

. . . Honestly

1 Thessalonians 4:12

¹² that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and *that* you may lack nothing.

. . . worthy of God

1 Thessalonians 2:12

¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

. . . in the Spirit

Galatians 5:25

²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

. . . after the Spirit

Romans 8:1

¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

... in the newness of life

Romans 6:4

⁴Therefore 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.

... worthy of vocation

Ephesians 4:1

¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

... as children of light

Ephesians 5:8

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

Rejoicing in Christ

Philippians 3:1

¹Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

Philippians 4:4

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

1 Timothy 6:11

¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

Overcoming the world

1 John 5:4,5

⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. ⁵Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Adorning the gospel

Matthew 5:17

¹⁷**“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

Titus 2:10

¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

Showing a good example

1 Timothy 4:12

¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2 Corinthians 7:1

¹Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Timothy 3:17

¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Hating defilement

Jude 23

²³ but others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Following after that which is good

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Loving one another

John 15:12

¹² **“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

Romans 12:10

¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. ⁴Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹For we

know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

Ephesians 5:2

² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Hebrews 13:1

¹Let brotherly love continue.

Striving for the Faith

Philippians 1:27

²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

Jude 1:3

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Putting away all sin

1 Corinthians 5:7

⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Hebrews 12:1

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Abstaining from all appearance of evil

1 Thessalonians 5:22

²² Abstain from every form of evil.

Perfecting holiness

Matthew 5:48

⁴⁸ "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.