



# What It Means To Be A Christian

(James 5)

## I. What Is A Christian?

1. (Acts 11:19-26)
2. Those that were scattered refers to Acts 8:1-4.
3. Those that were scattered in Acts 8 were members of the church (Acts 8:1).
4. How did one become a member of the church?
  1. (Acts 2:38-47)
  2. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).
  3. One must be in Christ to be in the church (Galatians 3:27).
  4. So a Christian is one who is baptized for the remission of their sins.

## II. Christians Are Not Concerned With Material Things

1. (James 5:1-5)
2. Christians do not lay up treasure on Earth where it will be corrupted (Matthew 6:19-34).
3. Christians will not cheat someone of wages due (James 5:4).
4. Christians are concerned with the finances of this world, but those concerns do not outweigh the concern for the lost (Luke 19:10).
  1. Those concerns do not drown out our pursuit of heaven (Philippians 3:13-14).
  2. The Christian's mind is not set on this Earth (Colossians 3:2).

## III. Christians Are Patient People

1. (James 5:7-12)
2. Christians are patient like farmers waiting for crops (James 5:7)
3. Christians are people with established hearts (James 5:8).
4. Christians do not grumble against one another (James 5:9).
  1. Christians help to bear burdens (Galatians 6:1,2).
5. Christians are people of their word (James 5:12; Matthew 5:37).

## IV. Christians Help With Needs

1. (James 5:13-20)
2. Christians help by praying (James 5:13-16).
3. Christians help with the need to win souls back to Christ (James 5:19-20).
  1. Christians are concerned with evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 19:10).
  2. (Galatians 6:1)

### *Conclusion:*

1. Christianity is more than a noun, it is a verb.
2. Christians are people of action—the actions are those who follow Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Peter 3:21).