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 Bible Study Syllabus

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***The Christian*** Memory Verse: 2 Tim. 2:19

**OBJECTIVE:** To understand the definition of a Christian, the need to be a Christian, and

the characteristics and purposes of a Christian.

**INTRODUCTION:** The Christian is a person who, after accepting Jesus Christ as his or her Lord and Savior, is now recreated in the image and likeness of God. Now, through that new birth experience, a life begins to be expressed so that others may see and come to God through Jesus Christ in order to receive love, life, and light.

***The Christian*** (**“Christ-like”** or **“Anointed-one”**)

**I. THE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO BE CHRISTIANS =** [Eph. 2:2–3]

**A. All in sin** (by act, by nature, by state, by imputation)

**1.** *By act* Rom. 3:23, Titus 3:3, Prov. 20:9

**2.** *By nature* Eccles. 7:20, Jer. 17:9, Gen. 8:21, 6:5

**3.** *By state* Rom. 3:9–10, Rom. 11:32, 1 John 1:8

**4.** *By imputation* Rom 5:12–21, Ps. 51:5, 1 Cor. 15:21–22

**5.** *All must repent* Luke 13:1–5, Matt. 4:17, Matt. 3:2, Acts 17:31,

2 Chron. 7:14, Acts 20:21, Acts 26:20

* B. God’s will for all to be Christian = (if we receive Christ as Lord and Savior)

**1.** *From beginning* Eph. 1:5, Jer. 31:31–34, Rom. 8:28–29, Heb. 8:10–12, 1 Pet. 1:19–20

**2.** *For everyone* 1 Tim. 1:12–16, 1 Tim. 2:4, Matt. 18:11–14, Rev. 7:9, 2 Pet. 3:9, Acts 26:17–18

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**II. CHRISTIAN ONLY THROUGH NEW BIRTH IN JESUS BY THE SPIRIT**

(Regeneration not Rehabilitation) = [Titus 3:5]

[John 3:5–7, Matt. 18:3, Acts 4:12, James 5:19–20, John 14:6, John 3:16–17,

2 Cor. 1:22, Rom. 8:9, 1 John 3:24, 1 John 4:13]

**III. CHRISTIANS MUST HAVE EVIDENCE OF NEW BIRTH =** [Matt. 7:20]

**A. New Characteristics and Blessings**

**1.** *Light/Salt* Matt. 5:13–16, 1 Pet. 2:12, Phil. 2:15

**2.** *Fruit* John 15, Matt. 3:8, Luke 19:1–9

**3.** *Adopted* Gal. 4:4–6, Rom. 8:14–16, Eph. 1:5, John 1:12, 1 John 3:1, 2 Cor. 6:16–18

**4.** *Joint heirs* Gal. 3:29, 14:7, Rom 8:17, Eph. 3:6, 1 Pet. 3:7, John 20:17, Luke 12:32, Rev. 3:21

**5.** *Love* 1 Cor. 13, Eph. 5:22, John 13:34–35, Rom 5:5, 1 Pet. 1:22, 1 John 4:7–8

**6.** *Holiness* 1 Pet. 1:13–16, Heb. 12:14, 2 Cor. 6:17–18, 1 Thess. 4:7

**B. New Lifestyle** (See the “Christian Mind Renewal Process” Chart)

**1.** *Renew mind* Rom. 12:2, Isa. 26:3, Phil. 4:8, Eph. 4:23, 2 Cor. 10:5–6

**2.** *New talk* 1 Pet. 3:15, Eph. 4:29, James 3, Col. 4:6

**3.** *New walk* 1 John 3:9, Rom. 6, 2 Cor. 5:17, Rom. 8, 2 Cor. 7:1, Gal. 5:16, 22–24

**4.** *New perception/witness* 1 Pet. 2:12, Acts 24:16, Rom. 14:13, 16, Col. 3:23, 1 Cor. 8:12–13

**IV. CHRISTIANS MUST HAVE NEW VISION, NEW PURPOSE, NEW LOYALTY**

**A. Please/Serve God** John 8:29, Acts 24:16, Col. 3:23, Ps. 105:43–45,

1 Thess. 4:1, Exod. 7:16

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**B. Live for Jesus** Rom. 13:14, 14:8, 2 Cor. 5:15, John 8:31–32, Matt. 6:24

**C. Hatred of Sin** Amos 5:14–15, Rom. 12:9, Heb. 1:9, 1 Thess. 5:22,

Job 1:1

**D. Love God/Neighbor/Enemy** Matt. 5:43–47, Luke 10:25–39,

Prov. 3:27–28, Matt. 22:37–39, Lev. 19:18

**E. Glorify God** Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 6:19–20, Jer. 9:23–24

**F. Focused Endurance** Acts 20:24, 2 Tim. 4:7, Rev. 21:8, Mark 5:25–34

**G. Deny Themselves** Matt. 16:24–26, Mark 8:34–35, Luke 9:23–26,

2 Tim. 2:11–13, Prov. 3:5–6. Josh. 24:14–15, Phil. 2:5–9, Luke 22:42

**H. Persecution** 1 Pet. 4:12–14, Acts 14:19–22, John 15:18–25,

John 16:3, 33, 2 Cor. 6, 11, Matt. 5:10–12, Acts 8:1, Mark 10:28–30,

Ps. 69:4, 2 Tim. 2:12

**I. Look to Christ’s Return** Mark 13:33–37, 2 Thess. 1:7, Heb. 9:28–29,

Matt. 6:10, 2 Pet. 2:12–13, Ps. 27:4, Ps. 130:6, Phil. 3:13–14,

John 13:36–37, Titus 2:11–13, John 14:1–3, Ps. 42:1–2, Acts 1:9–11

**CONCLUSION** The Christian is the only “Bible” that the unbeliever will

read. It is imperative, therefore, that the Christian live a life that is pleasing to

God by being a “Christ-like” reflection for all to see.

 **REVIEW**

• What is a Christian?

• Explain some new Christian characteristics.

• Explain the new Christian lifestyle.

• Explain God’s will for everyone.

• Explain the means by which we become Christians.

**KEY TERMS**

renew the mind – regeneration – light – salt – persecution – fruit – holiness – born again

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