

Christ Ones

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen's death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, but only to Jews.

²⁰However, some of the believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:19-21 ^{NLT}

²²When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. ²⁴Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith. And many people were brought to the Lord.

Acts 11:22-24^{NLT}

*25 Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul.
26 When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch.
Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year,
teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch
that the believers were first called Christians.)*

Acts 11:25, 26^{NLT}

²⁷During this time some prophets traveled from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up in one of the meetings and predicted by the Spirit that a great famine was coming upon the entire Roman world. (This was fulfilled during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. ³⁰This they did, entrusting their gifts to Barnabas and Saul to take to the elders of the church in Jerusalem.

Acts 11:27-30^{NLT}

Are You a Christian?

We Identify with Christ through **Baptism**

We Identify with Christ through _____

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²³Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. ²⁴Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

²⁵And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

Galatians 3:23-25 ^{NLT}

²⁶For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham.

You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Galatians 3:26-29 ^{NLT}

Are You a Christian?

We Identify with Christ through Baptism

We Identify with Christ through **Humility**

We Identify with Christ through _____

*²⁴Put on your new nature,
created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.
²⁵So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth,
for we are all parts of the same body.
²⁶And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.”
Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry,
²⁷for anger gives a foothold to the devil.*

Ephesians 4:24-27 ^{NLT}

²⁸If you are a thief, quit stealing.

*Instead, use your hands for good hard work,
and then give generously to others in need.*

*²⁹Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything
you say be good and helpful, so that your words will
be an encouragement to those who hear them.*

Ephesians 4:28, 29 ^{NLT}

³⁰And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:30-32 ^{NLT}

Are You a Christian?

We Identify with Christ through Baptism

We Identify with Christ through Humility

We Identify with Christ through **Intimacy**

*¹¹Put on all of God's armor
so that you will be able to stand firm against all
strategies of the devil. ¹²For we are not fighting against
flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and
authorities of the unseen world, against mighty
powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits
in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 6:11, 12 ^{NLT}

*¹³Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor
so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil.*

Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

*¹⁴Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and
the body armor of God's righteousness.*

Ephesians 6:13, 14^{NLT}

*¹⁵For shoes, put on the peace
that comes from the Good News
so that you will be fully prepared.*

Ephesians 6:15 ^{NLT}

*¹⁶In addition to all of these,
hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows
of the devil. ¹⁷Put on salvation as your helmet, and take
the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.
Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers
for all believers everywhere.*

Ephesians 6:16-18 ^{NLT}