

# What do you call someone who's not a Christian? 05/05/2019

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:1-21

We have invested much time to give a proper Biblical definition, so that we can understand what exactly a Christian is. Here is a quick list of the terms that we studied:

## What do you call a Christian?

- Saved
- Justified
- Redeemed
- Reconciled
- Born Again
- Child of God
- Brother / Sister in the Family of God
- Disciple of Christ
- Saint
- Servant / Slave of Christ

In this sequel, we will consider these terms, that describe a Christian, by looking at them antithetically (showing an opposite contrast). By inference, we offer some antonyms which describe those who are not Christians:

**Unsaved** – If you are not saved, you are **lost**. Needing to be saved, you are undelivered from the penalty and power of sin. Yours is the destiny of those who die in their sins. You will perish. See John 8:21-24; II Corinthians 4:3-4; I Corinthians 1:18-23.

**Unjustified** – Needing to be justified, you are an **unrighteous guilty sinner** who is and will be condemned. See John 3:18, 36; I Corinthians 6:9-10; Romans 3:19-20,23; James 2:10.

**Captive / Prisoner of Sin** – If you are not redeemed by Christ, then the price of your freedom from sin has not been paid. You cannot pay the debt yourself. You are in bondage to the power and the curse of sin. See Proverbs 1:29-31; 5:21-23; Jeremiah 13:23; John 8:23-24,34; Romans 6:20-21; 7:5; 8:5-8; II Peter 2:9-22.

**Enemy of God** – Since no reconciliation has taken place, you are not God's friend. You are considered an enemy, who opposes God and everything that is holy. See Romans 5:6-11; Philippians 3:18-19; Colossians 1:21.

**Dead in Trespasses and Sin** – If you are not born again, then spiritually you are a zombie – a walking dead man. You have no understanding, feelings, or actions that can perceive, desire, seek, or please God. See Ephesians 2:1-3; I Corinthians 2:14; Romans 3:9-18.

**Child of Wrath** – Not being a member of God’s family, God is not your father. You are a child of the world, subject to the influence and domination of Satan. See Ephesians 2:2-3; 5:3-6; Colossians 3:5-6; I John 3:10; John 8:41-47.

**Aliens / Strangers / Foreigners to the family of God and the kingdom of God** – If God is not your father, then God’s children are not your brothers and sisters. Not being members of God’s family also means that you are not partners with God’s children, who are bound together in the common goal of glorifying Christ and spreading the Gospel. You are an **Enemy of the Cross / the Gospel**. By not gathering with them, you are scattering abroad, being a detriment to the work of the Gospel. See Ephesians 2:12; Matthew 12:30; Acts 20:29-30; Philippians 3:17-19 (cp. 1:3-5); Romans 16:17-18 cp. I Peter 1:22-23.

**Disobedient Rebel** – Those true disciples, who follow Christ, have surrendered to His authority and seek to follow His leadership. Conversely, if you are not following Christ as a disciple, you are disobedient and rebellious. If you will not take up your cross and deny yourself, then you will lose everything. See Matthew 7:21-23; 10:38-39; 16:24-26; Luke 6:46; 19:11-15,27.

**Unholy / Ungodly** – Not separated for God’s holy purposes, as one of His saints, you are of the world and dwell in the realms of the profane. You are not actively seeking to glorify God. Therefore, you are dishonoring Him. The only glory will come when God righteously judges you and your sin. See John 8:23; I John 2:15-17; 4:5-6; 5:19; Galatians 1:3-4; Romans 2:2-12; II Thessalonians 1:6-10; II Peter 2:9; Revelation 14:7 cp. Ezekiel 28:22.

**Servant / Slave of Sin and Unrighteousness** – Those who belong to Christ have been purchased / redeemed from this bondage. You are either serving God via serving Christ and the Gospel, or you are serving sin and unrighteousness. You are either a tool / weapon, in the hand of God for good, or a tool / weapon in the hand of the Devil for evil. See John 8:34; Romans 6:12-22.

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May these comparisons to the description of a Christian motivate you to flee from the wrath to come (Matthew 3:7-10). Flee to Jesus and receive the free gift of salvation. See Proverbs 18:10; Acts 4:12; Luke 24:44-47; John 3:16; 5:24; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 26:13-23; I Thessalonians 1:5-10.

If you are already a Christian, may these comparisons motivate you to reach out to others with compassion – declaring the truth that can make people free from sin – urging the lost to repent of their sin, believe on Christ, and follow Him. See Romans 1:14-17; II Corinthians 4:1-18; 5:11-15; II Timothy 2:1-26; Jude 1:3-4,20-25; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-8; 22:17.