



## Why Be a Christian

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In Isaiah 62:1-2, Jehovah God promised to give His people a new name. We see this promise fulfilled in the book of Acts when those who obeyed the gospel were called Christians (Acts 11:26; 26:28). Sadly, this divinely bestowed title has been traded in for sectarian designations given by men, many of which are not found in Scripture and serve only to divide. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). The Lord has invited each of us to come to Him and yoke ourselves to His teaching (Matthew 11:28-30). Why should you be a Christian?

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). This dark world needs the light of Jesus Christ reflected by His followers (Philippians 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12). Everyone who wears the name of Christ should strive to be kind, compassionate, selfless, benevolent, holy, loving, peaceable, hardworking, honest, pure and gentle. You should become a Christian so you can have the greatest impact on the world around you.

Next, the Holy Spirit compares Christianity to an athletic event. In sports, most athletes will step up to a challenge and give their very best when they are competing for a prize or a title. Did you know that it's no different in the spiritual realm? In speaking of the Christian race Paul said, "know ye not that they which run in a

race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Corinthians 9:24). Christianity takes even more determination and discipline than Olympic athletes display! You should become a Christian in order to rise to the highest challenge.

Lastly, the best reason to become a Christian is seen in 1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." As God's children we can approach His throne of grace for help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). We can draw near to Him in every circumstance and know that He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Our Father has invited us to cast our cares upon Him and assured us that He cares (1 Peter 5:7). You should become a Christian so you can enjoy an intimate relationship with your Creator.

If you have not been born again, you are not yet part of the family of God, but you can become a follower of Jesus Christ by obeying His gospel (John 3:5; Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:3). Would you like to wear the most powerful name, influence your family, community and world for good and aim for the highest of all goals? Come be a Christian.

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