

Lesson 6

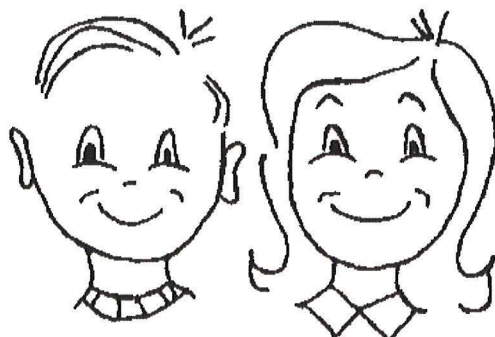
GOD'S CALLED-OUT ASSEMBLY THE CHURCH

CHURCH MEMBERS WERE CALLED "CHRISTIANS"

According to Acts 11:26 (compare Acts 26:28 and 1 Peter 4:16), what were the members of the Church called? _____ What Name (made up of six letters) do you find in this word? _____ Christianity is not a RELIGION (man trying to **DO** things to please GOD) but it is a RELATIONSHIP to a PERSON (who has already DONE the work necessary to save sinful men--John 19:30) and this PERSON'S name is C _____. Those who have a personal relationship with this PERSON are called C _____.

CHRISTIANS are believers and followers of **CHRIST**, the Messiah.

**ARE YOU A
CHRISTIAN?**



"We belong to **CHRIST**, the Son of God!" (see Matthew 16:16 and Galatians 2:20).

In Acts 11:26 we learn that "the **DISCIPLES** _____ **CHRISTIANS** first in Antioch." Who gave them this name? Does the verse say that the disciples **CALLED THEMSELVES** Christians? _____ They did not give themselves this name, but they **WERE CALLED** "Christians" by the unsaved people who lived in Antioch. As the unsaved world looked at these disciples, they were forced to **THINK** about **CHRIST**. When they thought about these disciples it made them think about **CHRIST**. Therefore they gave them the name "**CHRISTIANS.**"

What about **YOU**? Can people look at your life and tell that you have a **PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with **CHRIST**? Do you live in such a way that people know that you belong to the **SON OF GOD**? When people think of you, do they think of **CHRIST**? A true **CHRISTIAN** is a person who is able to say what Paul said in Galatians 2:20. Paul had a **LIVING** and **PERSONAL** relationship with the Son of God! Do you have such a relationship? Can others see **CHRIST** living in you?

Suppose one of your friends were to ask you this question: "What is a CHRISTIAN?" How would you answer this question? Suppose someone else were to ask you, "What **religion** do you belong to?" How could you answer this person in a way that would help him (or her) to see the difference between RELIGION and CHRISTIANITY? See our study entitled, [The Difference Between Religion And Christianity](#).

How can a person become a CHRISTIAN (compare Acts 26:20 with Acts 26:28)?

Think again of the word...

CHRISTIAN

If you remove "CHRIST" from this word, what three letters remain: _____

According to the following acrostic, these three letters stand for...

I

AM

NOTHING

I am a Christian, and **without Christ I am nothing!** Compare John 15:5.

