

# I Want To Be A New Testament Christian!

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## ➤ Intro:

- shouldn't be hard to get a good idea of what a Christian is, and what he does – **NT only 200 +/- pages**
- don't need anything but the Bible to guide us (**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3**)
- lesson: I want to be a New Testament Christian! (**What do I do?**)

## ➤ Who is a Christian? – disciple of Jesus

- **Acts 11:26** a Christian is a disciple of Christ

- - **What is a disciple?** – adherent to a teacher's doctrine, obey teacher's teaching
  - us to Christ – He teaches, we obey – **song, #326 Trust and Obey**

## ➤ How do you become Jesus' disciple? – obey

- obey Jesus' teaching (doctrine)
  - **Matt. 28:18-20** Jesus ordained apostles to baptize and teach, we obey

- - **Heb. 5:9** obey Jesus, saved

## ➤ - obey Jesus' gospel

- **Phil. 2:12** obey apostolic doc.

- - **2 Th. 1:8-9** obey gospel or punished, eternity

- - **2 Th. 3:14-15** obey gospel, apostles, as commissioned by Jesus (**Matt. 28:18-20**)

## ➤ What does Jesus command us to do to be saved? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance

- great commission:
  - **Matt. 28:18-20** Jesus authority, baptize, teach – us, today

- - **Mk. 16:16** believe and baptized saved / else, lost

## ➤ - What happens when you are baptized? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance

- **1 Pet. 3:21** saved

- **Acts 2:38** forgiveness of sins

- **Acts 22:16** wash away sins, calling on name of the Lord

- - **Acts 2:47b** added to the number of the saints (church) by the Lord

## ➤ - What must you do before being baptized? – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – #4 Blessed Assurance

- believe:

- **Mk. 16:16 (Jesus)** believe, then baptized

- **Jn. 8:24 (Jesus)** believe, or die in your sins

- **Heb. 11:6** must believe to come to God

- - repent:

- **Acts 2:38** repent, then baptized

- **Lk. 13:3 (Jesus)** repent, or perish

- rf. - **Acts 17:30 (Paul)** everyone must repent

- - **confess Jesus:**
  - **Acts 8:36-38** (Phillip, eunuch) confess Jesus, then baptized
  - **Matt. 10:32-33** (Jesus) confess Jesus before men, Jesus confess before Father
  - **Rom. 10:10** (Paul) confess with mouth, resulting in salvation.
  
- - **What must you do after being baptized?** – cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – *4 Blessed Assurance*
  - **Acts 2:42, 44-45, 46-47a** (Pentecost, baptized) worshiped and lived according to apostolic teaching, benevolent to needy Christians, personal work from house to house
  - **Rev. 2:10b** (Jesus) faithful until death, crown of life.
  
- **What awaits Christians in eternity?** – *#4 Blessed Assurance*
  - **Rev. 2:10** (above) faithful, crown of life
  - **Rev. 20:11-15** judgment
  - **Rev. 21:1-5** eternal life
  
- **Summary / Inv.**
  - a Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ
  - Jesus' disciples obey Him, saved, spend eternity in heaven
  - **inv.: Are you a New Testament Christian?**
    - cf. self, confidence in salvation, change if need to – *#4 Blessed Assurance*