

“Defining Christian”
Selected Scriptures
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What does the term “Christian” mean?

It means “Christ one” or “little Christ.”

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. Acts 11:19-26

I. A Christian is someone who has been saved by Jesus Christ.

*^{16b}And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.”
Acts 11:26b*

II. A Christian is someone who stands and testifies for Jesus Christ.

¹You have permission to speak for yourself.” Acts 26:1

III. A Christian is someone who is willing to suffer for Jesus Christ.

¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.” I Peter 4:16