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SEVEN MARKS OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN

Christianity is much more than just thinking you are a good, religious person. It is more than attending church services. It is a "way of life." It exists at work, in private moments, during time spent with family, and during recreation. It is embedded into one's character. Adapted from an old sermon outline. ~Ed~

1. **A NT Christian Is One Who Has Obeyed The Gospel** The gospel is the *Good News* of salvation. Jesus invites all to come to him (Mt 11:28-30). Eternal "vengeance" will be taken on those (2 Thess 1:8) "that _____ the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Speaking to Christians, Paul said: (Gal 3:27) "For as many of you _____ baptized _____ have _____ Christ." Did ones not "baptized into Christ--put on Christ"? _____ One must be *in* Christ *before* he can live a Christian life. (Mk 16:16) "He that believeth _____ shall be saved."
2. **A True Christian Must Be Willing To Suffer For Christ (1 Pet 4:16)** "Yet if any man _____ as a _____, let him not be _____." (2 Tim 3:12) "Yea, and all _____ Christ Jesus _____ suffer persecution." Obeying the gospel does not mean all will be easy or smooth. A Christian must be _____-like. Be (Eph 5:1) "_____ of God."
3. **MARK #1 One cannot deny the name Christian** Where were they first called "Christians"? _____ Scripture? _____ (See: Mk 8:38) What (Acts 26:28) did King _____ think Paul wanted him to become? A _____ What did the prophecy (Isa 62:2) say would be new? _____ Salvation is through whose name (Acts 4:12)? _____
4. **MARK #2 One must be a doer of the Word (Jas 1:22)** "Be ye _____ of the _____ and not _____." What is a doer? _____ (Col 3:17) "Do _____ in the _____ of the Lord Jesus." (Eccl 9:10) "Whatsoever thy _____ findeth to do, do it _____." (1 Tim 4:16) "Take heed unto _____, and unto the _____; continue in them." Paul said: (1 Cor 3:9) "For we are _____ together _____ God." Christians work _____ God. Can we afford to not do our share? _____ Why?
5. **MARK #3 We must be more than just charitable or morally good.** Cornelius was a good man (Acts 10) but lacking. Other such cases could be cited. (2 Cor 5:21) "For he hath _____ to be sin for us, _____; that we might be made the _____ of God in him." Only God is righteous. Man must have Christ to be righteous. Paul put it this way: (Col 1:27) "Which is _____, the hope of glory." Peter asks: (1 Pet 4:18) "And if the righteous _____, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" We cannot be righteous until we "put on Christ" in baptism. Good works *alone* (Eph 2:9; Titus 3:5) don't save.
6. **MARK #4 One cannot be neutral** Start your car. Put it in neutral. Press the accelerator. How far will it go? If one is in neutral, he is *out of gear*. To the Laodiceans: (Rev 3:16) "Because thou art _____, and neither _____ nor _____, I will _____ thee out of my mouth."

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