Who Is a Christian?
Acts 11:19-26

Introduction:
A. People answer this question differently?
   1. To some it is anyone who generally embraces “Christian principles.”
   2. To some it an adherent to any “Christian denomination.”
   3. To media it is one of the warring factions in many religious wars.
B. The Bible answers it in a rather simple manner.
   1. Isaiah had prophesied a “new name” after the conversion of the gentiles ( Isa. 62:2)
   2. The term used first shortly after the first gentiles were converted (Acts 11:26).
   3. The term appears two other times in the Bible (Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16).
C. Let us answer our question by looking at our text.

Discussion:
I. One Who Has Heard the Word (v. 19).
   A. To preach the word is to preach Christ Jesus (v. 20)
   B. Phillip preaches Christ Jesus (Acts 8:5, 35)
   C. Timothy was the “preach the word.” (2 Tim. 4:1,2).
II. One Who Has Believed the Word (v. 21).
   A. Faith is produced by hearing the word (Rom. 10:8, 17).
   B. One must believe the gospel to be saved (Mark 16:15-16).
      1. Samaritans heard and believed Philip’s preaching (Acts 8:12).
      2. Corinthians heard and believed Paul’s preaching (Acts 18:8).
III. One Who Has “Turned unto the Lord.” (v. 21)
   A. Turning involves repentance – a change of mind.
      1. Change of mind away from sin (cf. Acts 8:22)
      2. Change of mind toward God (Acts 20:21)
   B. Turning involves baptism.
      2. One is baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27).
IV. One Who Cleaves to the Lord (v. 23).
   A. One cleaves to the Lord by abiding in him (John 15:1-8).
   B. One cleaves by being steadfast in worship (Acts 2:42).
   C. One cleaves by walking in the light (1 John 1:7).
   D. One cleaves by purity of life (Tit. 2:11,12)
   E. One cleaves by being ready unto every good work (Tit. 2:14; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58).
V. One Who Is in the Church (v. 26).
   A. “Disciples” or “Christians” at Antioch made up the church (v. 26).
   B. Members of the church also called “saints” (1 Cor. 1:1,2)
   C. Members also referred to as “brethren” (2 Cor. 8:11; Gal. 6:1).

Conclusion:
A. Are you a Christian? Truly a Christian? (Review points)
B. Why not become a Christian today?