Who Is a Christian?
Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16

Introduction:
A. “Christian” is used loosely in our society.
   1. Of various kinds of humanitarian projects and institutions.
   2. Of good men and women regardless of religious convictions or affiliations.
B. “Christian” has a more restricted meaning in the Bible—we shall notice:
   1. What one can do and not be a Christian, yet must do if he is a Christian.
   2. What makes one a Christian.

Discussion:
I. Some Things One Can Do And Not Be a Christian, Yet Christians must Do.
   A. Be a good citizen. (Rom. 13:1-5).
   B. Be a good family person.
      1. A good spouse. (Eph. 5:22-26).
      2. A good parent. (Eph. 6:4).
      3. A good child. (Eph. 6:1).
   C. Be a good neighbor. (Rom. 13:9).
   D. Be religious and morally upright. (Acts 10:1-2)
      1. God fearing.
      2. Generous
      3. Praying.
      4. Honest. (2 Cor. 8:21 KJV)
      5. Truthful. (Eph. 4:25)
   E. Attend church regularly—do items of worship. (Heb. 10:25).
II. If One Can Do The Above And Not Be a Christian, Then What Is a Christian?
   A. A Christian is a disciple of Christ. (Acts 11:26).
      1. Disciples are made by being baptized. (Matt. 28:18-20 NKJ, ASV).
      2. Disciples are made by being taught to observe all things commanded.
      3. Disciples are totally committed to Christ. (Luke 14:33).
   B. A Christian is saved — baptized are saved. (Mark 16:15,16).
   C. A Christian is a member of New Testament church.
      1. Baptized into one body (1 Cor. 12:13) — body church. (Eph. 1:22,23).
      3. Not a member of a denomination.

Conclusion:
A. There are many things a Christian must do that non-Christians may do without being a Christian.
   1. So, do not assume that because you do many things Christians do that you are a Christian.
   2. Nor assume that because one can do them without being a Christian that as a Christian you can neglect them.
B. If you want to be a Christian you have to believe, repent and be baptized and commit yourself to a life of obedience.