

**** (Note: All Bible Quotes Are Taken From The Original King James Version)**

Subject: True Christians:

True Christians are those who walk with Christ in the beauty of holiness, and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ. True Christians are born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. True Christians will manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Joy, peace, humility, meekness, longsuffering, goodness, patience, kindness, love, and faith will be the character description of true Christians.

True Christians do not use profanity, drink liquor, and commit adultery, fornication, nor homosexual practices. True Christians will live above sinful practices. True Christians are the nicest people that God ever put breath in. The name Christian should carry holiness, dignity and power to live above sin. True Christians live in the Spirit, which gives them power not to fulfill the lust of the flesh.

In the days of Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ, when the Church of God was in its infancy, and was struggling to maintain its existence, the name Christian was contemptible, because Christ and His movement was considered to have been stamped out. Christ was at this time considered to be an insurrectionist, but as the saints who were called by the name Christian really proved by their life and accomplishments that Christ was the Son of God, the Messiah of God, all the reproach in the name left. Thus, they were not only called Christians with all its sublime meaning, but also 'saints'.

Though America is considered to be a Christian nation, not everybody in America is a Christian in the true context of the name Christian. There are many in America who would bring shame to the name Christian, because of their lives of iniquity. You cannot be a true follower of Christ and a sinner at the same time. The name that you use does not always make you what you are. There are those who are in prison for committing crimes that might be named Peter, Paul, James or John, but they are not saints. Such people would be no different from those who call themselves Christians and commit adultery, and go to a Christian church on Sunday.

In actuality, God never named His people Christians. He named them saints. A saint is a Christian of the highest level of holiness that a person can obtain while here on the earth. God classifies all the people on the earth in two classes. One is saints, and the other is sinners. God does not recognize any denomination, race, nationality, or religion. To God we are saints if we live righteous and sinners if we live unrighteous.

There will be some from all nations, kindred, and tongues (languages) who will wash their lives in the precious blood of Christ, and they will be received into the

kingdom of heaven and live as saints throughout eternity. There will be others who will not make it. They too will be of all nations, kindred, and tongues, but they will be cast into outer darkness as sinners to spend eternity with the damned.

A name is everything. Throughout the Bible, the people of God are referred to as saints when God speaks of them. Listen to Psalms 50:5:

Verse 5 - Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Notice He did not say gather my Christians together. The name saint means to be perfect in holiness. The name Christian can be divided into many religious descriptions of denominations and beliefs; inclusive would be sinners also.

Subject: A Call To Perfection:

God is presently using the gospel of Jesus Christ to call a generation to perfection. Salvation in Jesus Christ is a state of perfection that God calls those who are going to be saved into. When you are born again, you are perfect. Perfection does not come from you, it is a gift from God. Perfection means that you are made free from a life of sin.

When you are called to perfection, the Lord will be prominent in your mind. When God sends Jesus to administer the first resurrection, He will be receiving a church or body of believers without spot or wrinkle. They will be a people who have been sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and are living in this present world free from sin. Such people would have been purged from all bitterness, envy, strife, hatred, malice and emulations, and they are living the life of Christ in this present world.

Subject: Equality With God:

When you are born again, you are made equal with God. To be equal with God means that a part of God is living in you. God lives in you when you are born of His Spirit and His word. The word of God is Jesus, and the Spirit of God is the power of God. When you are born of God, you will not commit sin, because God does not commit sin (I John 3:9). To be equal with God means that you have given your life

to God for God to be the controller of your life. This means that God will be the production center for your desires and purposes in life.

In Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5 and 6 it teaches the mind that you will have when God comes into your life:

Verse 5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ
Jesus:

Verse 6 - who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery
to be equal with God.

You will not try to make a reputation for yourself when God is in your life. However, you will take on the form of a servant being obedient to God, and God will exalt your humility and obedience.