

Don't be a Christian

The term Christian as used today, and the religions that bears its name, are nowhere found in the Bible. The title was never used to describe first century Gentiles or those members of the Apostle Paul's church: The Body of Christ.

Christian is a reference to a man-made religion that uses words from the Bible, out of context, to create the non-biblical doctrines and beliefs these false religions choose to believe, and / or a collection of traditions, superstitions, imaginations, extra-biblical writings, and practices that have no biblical foundation. Mormonism, Pentecostalism, Catholicism Evangelicalism, and many more names under the Protestant umbrella of religions were all created in the same way.

This paper has three parts:

1. Christian:

- a. The modern-day concept of the word Christian does not appear in the Bible.
- b. Instead, Christian defines a non-biblical system of beliefs that began shortly after the Apostolic era and evolved over the centuries into what we see today.
- c. The Christian religion is not the Body of Christ.
- d. Early Post-Apostolic Christianity was the seed that begat the Roman Church, and in time, Protestantism.

2. Covenant Theology

- a. Satanic in design and intent
- b. Created by Augustine in the 5th century
 - i. The foundation of the Roman Church for the past 1500 years
 - ii. The foundation for Protestantism for the past 500 years
- c. Augustinian Theology is not a valid expression of biblical truth. Neither is Catholicism nor Protestantism

3. The Simple Truth

“Christian”

- Today, the term “Christian”, describes a Gentile religion that began after the Apostolic age. This religious system was the seed of what would later become the corrupt Roman pagan Christian religion, and in the 1600's, an offshoot called Protestantism.
- In the fourth century, Constantine sanctioned a religion that combined all the religions of that time. This was a political move designed to bring peace and stability to the nation by creating a one-size-fits-all state run religion for everyone. Constantine dubbed this new religion “Christian” in honor of his mother's religion. Constantine had no part in this new religion.
- This new religion combined many thoughts including philosophy, humanism, mysticism, knowledge, paganism, superstition, and science-so-called, the four Jewish Gospels, a concept of Jesus, the deification of Mary to appease those who worshiped pagan goddesses, and a mix of Bible stories taken out of context. This religion perpetuated the obsolete notion of Jewish temple

worship and pagan temple worship. This is the form of religion that has survived these 17 centuries in the religion we see today.

- The Roman religion adopted the 5th century writings of Augustine that were a mix of other religions, the Bible out of context, and Augustine's personal thoughts and ideas. It is clear from his writings that Augustine did not have the Spirit of God, did not understand God's message to man, did not understand Paul's ministry, did not understand the Bible, and did not understand the place of the Jews or the Jewish writings. This was the foundation for Covenant Theology, a belief that touches most all retail religious institutions, seminaries, Christian self-help books, commentaries, Christian sermons, Bible study aids, and the people who belong to these religions to the tune of 2.5 billion souls.
- The Christianity of fourth century Rome is not the first century Body of Christ, aka the new creation in Christ, aka Christ's Church. It does not have God, God's blessing, and does not have the Spirit of God.
- The Body of Christ is not related to the Roman church or the Protestant religion that developed during the 16th century out of the Reformation - the result of a splint from the Roman Church. Still, both Roman Christianity and Protestant Christianity are cousins, cut from the same theological cloth that is Augustinian Theology.
- Covenant / Reformed Christianity does not have the message or doctrines God sent to the Gentile nations through the Apostle Paul for the Gentile believers to follow during this 2000-year Age of Grace.
- Christianity was never biblical. The word "Christian" only appears in the Bible three times and always referred to Messianic Jews, never Gentiles, and always conveyed negative sentiments toward the Jews that believed Jesus was the Messiah.
- Post Apostolic Gentiles simply chose to name their religion "Christian" in the same way the religion called "Berean" chose their name. Bereans have no connection to the Bereans of the past, they simply liked the name (or all the good names were already taken).

Christian, the Word

The words "Christian" / "Christians" is the name the first century Roman culture gave to the Jews who believed Jesus was the promised Messiah. It was a pejorative term.

"Christian / Christians" each appear one time in the Book of Acts. "Christian" appears again, once, in II Peter.

- Each time the terms appear, they refer to Messianic Jews, never Gentiles.
- Each usage demonstrates expressive or external contempt for these Jews.

Fun Fact: In the 30 year-plus ministries of Peter, Paul, James, John, and Jude, no one ever used the term Christian to describe themselves, their followers, or their Church. It was a slang and a disparaging term they wanted no part of. Gentile Christian was not a first century term or concept.

The following brief study examines each instance of the word Christian / Christians.

The Acts Mention of “Christian”

Acts 11:26

26 And when he had found him (Saul), he (Barnabas) brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch.

The Jews did not call themselves Christians. Their Roman culture labeled them Christians.

These Christians were Jews, not Gentile believers as the context demonstrates. Look further at the text that precedes and follows the above verse.

Acts 11:19 ¶ Now they (Jews) which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen (Saul) travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only

20 And some of them (Jews) were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians (Jews), preaching the Lord Jesus.

The Jews Saul persecuted scattered throughout the region, and in their travels, they preached Peter’s Gospel, the **Jewish Gospel** to the Jews only, never to the Gentiles.

- Peter’s Jewish Gospel of the Acts 2 Jewish Christian Church was not Paul’s Gospel.
- Peter’s Jewish Gospel of the Acts 2 Jewish Christian Church was not the Gospel of the four Jewish Gospels that Jesus mentions.
- Peter’s Gospel was: “Believe Jesus as the Messiah, repentance, and baptism for the remission of sins”.
- At no time did Peter, or any Jew, including Jesus, preach to, minister to, or write to the Gentiles they called dogs, heathens, pagans, and sinners,
- The Christian Jews did not preach the Gospel Jesus gave to His disciples: “The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”.
- The Christian Jews did not preach, or know, Paul’s Gospel of salvation by grace through faith as that did not exist at the time.
- Paul did not exist at that time.

Fun Fact: Despite what you may have been taught, the Jews and Gentiles never mingled in their worship, do not worship together to this day, and never will. It is apparent throughout the four Jewish Gospels that the Jews thought themselves superior to both the Gentiles and the Samaritans (half Jew half Gentile), considering these two groups no better than “dogs”, calling them sinners, pagans. and heathens., The Jews would not be in the same room as a Gentile. Jesus referred to the Gentiles as dogs.

Beside this attitude of the Jews toward the Gentiles, the night-and-day differences of the Jewish Mosaic law, “salvation by works”, and circumcision, made the two groups hopelessly incompatible with the Pauline Gospel of “saved by grace”, no law, and no circumcision.

The Jew and Gentile division existed throughout the entire Bible: Old and New Testaments. The four Jewish Gospels demonstrate this clearly. This Jewish / Gentile divide exists to this day and will continue until the two are made one people in eternity, after the millennial reign of Christ.

Fun Fact: The Apostle Peter was the minister to the Jews called Christian. Paul was the minister to the Gentiles. Peter never ministered to the Gentiles, and was never a “Pope” of a Gentile Roman Christian religion scheme. That Peter was involved in any way with the Gentiles is made-up folklore that has no historic validity or biblical support.

Notice: these men from Cyprus and Cyrene (**Jews**) spoke to the Grecian’s (**also Jews**).

Grecians: Hellenists, Greek-Jews; Jews born in a foreign country, and thus did not speak Hebrew Ac 6:1 9:29 nor join in the Hebrew services of the Jews in Palestine, but had synagogues of their own in Jerusalem. Joel 3:6 = Greeks.

These Grecian Jews believed the Jewish Gospel, not the Pauline Gospel (which did not exist at that time). They were not Gentile believers (who did not exist at that time); they were Jews that believed Jesus was the promised Messiah and that is all they ever knew. This is a completely different animal from the future Gospel of Paul and the mystery given to him by the ascended Christ to take to the Gentiles.

The Jews became an obsolete people: hardened, blinded, scattered like chaff, and never received or understood Paul’s Gospel or mystery, and still do not understand to this day, and will never understand in the Age of Grace. This is true of James, Peter, John, and their followers. Christian Covenant religion misses this important distinction and instead, majors on the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, the life and ministry of the Gospel Jesus, and the Jewish Hebrew epistles (Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation) taking all of these writings out of context. These writings, like the Jews, are also obsolete and no longer apply to anyone, not even the Jews.

The purpose of the Jewish writings for the Body of Christ is to Juxtapose the law and grace, and demonstrate God’s mercy toward us in His adopting the Gentiles into God’s kingdom. Beyond that, we see the history of our salvation and the events of a bygone time, providing perspective of our past just like the books of the Old Testament.

Fun Fact: The traditions and stories claiming that the Christian religion of today evolved from the Jewish Church of Acts 2 is just that: a story, and not a biblical truth. In fact, there is no mention of the Christian religion of today anywhere in the Bible at all as it is a made-up religion from a much later time. Men, using words from the Bible, out of context, and / or traditions, superstitions, extra-biblical writings and errant beliefs, created belief systems that have no biblical support. Mormonism, Catholicism, Evangelicalism, and Pentecostalism are a few examples of many.

Acts 26:28

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

The term “Christian” used in this context was not a title of admiration, but scorn. Christians were Jews that experienced derision from the citizens for their connection to Christ. Agrippa was impressed by Paul’s defense against his Jewish accusers, and Paul’s presentation of the ascended Christ and the Gospel Paul calls “My Gospel”. Agrippa made the sarcastic remark with no intent of ever becoming a Christian. Note, Agrippa did not understand any Gospel and misunderstood the distinction between Paul’s Gospel and Peter’s Gospel of Jewish Christians. While the two gospels

were different, one from the other, to Agrippa, they were one and the same: just another part of Jewish religion he did not respect and wanted not part of.

The I Peter Mention

See how Peter uses the word “Christian”:

1 Peter 4:15-16

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or [as] a thief, or [as] an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters.

16 Yet if [any man suffer] as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Being called a murderer, thief etc. is here placed alongside the condemnation by the Roman citizenry of being a Christian. It was a scourge, not a compliment. The Romans accused these Jews of being “Christians” and persecuted them for their belief.

Peter only wrote to the Jews about Jewish things and Jewish times, and never wrote to the Gentiles, and never preached or ministered to the Gentiles.

NOTE: When Peter wrote this comment in I Peter, he wrote to Jews only, not to the Gentiles, and not to the Body of Christ. The Gentiles were never called Christians, only the Jews who believed Jesus was their Messiah.

The Missing Mention

This concept of a culture labeling a group of people is common throughout history including the Anabaptists, Mennonites, Quakers, Amish, Hutterites, and others who did not wish this “name-calling” by their neighbors.

In their 30 plus years of ministry, neither Peter, Paul, James, John, nor Jude ever called themselves, their Church, or their followers “Christians”.

The term Christian is even rare in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers, where it only appears 5 times (once in Ignatius’ Epistle to the Magnesians, once in the Epistle concerning the martyrdom of Polycarp, and 3 times in the Epistle to Diognetus). In the years that followed, the term “Christian” would gain popularity and the theology would devolve until it became the Roman Church.

Covenant Theology - The Lost Way

Christian and Christianity are synonymous with Covenant Theology, “Reformed” Theology, Amillennialism, Replacement Theology, Evangelicalism and recently the Emergent religion. Covenantal religion is not the first century Pauline Body of Christ, but something else. It is a flawed, satanic theology that perverts the Bible and prevents people from understanding the Word of God, or having a relationship with God. It is a religion that gives individuals just enough spiritual mumbo-jumbo to inoculate them against the real thing. Many adherents of this religion do not even know their church is Covenant as it hides from them behind a mask of “self-help” sermons, a social gospel, and a smattering of random Bible verses - all taken out of context. In short, these churches will not teach or preach the finer points of Covenant religion, neither will they teach solid biblical doctrine. They want their followers to be satisfied with what little they get and not ask questions.

Christian Covenant Beliefs

Here are a few of the problems you will find in Covenant Theology. None of the following ideas and concepts are biblical. The people behind these religions just made up these things over the years. Not every church has all these features, but every Christian Covenant / Reformed church has some.

1. The number one problem is the lack of the Spirit of God. Everything listed below is the result of the missing Spirit and the resultant blindness that absence creates.
2. Without the Spirit of God, people cannot understand the Bible so they must define the Bible allegorically and spiritualize the words in a futile attempt to make any sense of it.
3. Allegory, spiritualizing, not understanding the Bible leads to a wide range of interpretational fallacies resulting in many denominations with many errant doctrines.
4. They believe the Bible cannot be taken literally
5. Covenants insist the Bible is not the immutable Word of God, but flawed, and no one can understand what it says, hence, the allegorical approach.
6. They are liberal and progressive with no hard stops or boundaries -anything goes
7. The teachings of the Covenant religions do not align with the Bible
8. They do not understand the divisions of the Bible, thinking the entire Bible text is for them doctrinally, thus confusing and complicating God's Word.
9. Replacement Theology – the Christian religion believes it has replaced the Jews and now has all the blessings and promises God made to the Jews.
10. The forgotten Jews retain all the curses of the Bible.
11. Israel is no longer part of God's plan and there is no future or promise for Israel.
12. God has forgotten Israel (This is in stark contradiction to Paul's epistles and the reason this religion ignores this Paul)
13. The Christian Church is the true Israel
14. Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel and there is no need to expect a literal fulfillment of promises with national Israel
15. The land promised to Israel as mentioned in the Old Testament is an allegory meaning a heavenly land, not earthly
16. Jesus has already returned in 70 AD and there will be no future appearing
17. Christ already came to establish His Messianic Kingdom on Earth in this current age
18. Christ presently reigns over the earth from Heaven on the throne of David
19. The present-day Church is the Kingdom of God offered spiritually, physically, and invisibly
20. The theology mixes the Jew and Gentile Bible text together confusing God's word to the followers of this religion.
21. The four Gospels that have nothing for the Gentiles are center stage in their theology, not the Pauline epistles God delivered to the Gentiles through the Apostle Paul.
22. They marginalize or ignore the Apostle Paul and his epistles
23. Jesus is often a made-up, fantasy figure with no resemblance to the Jesus of the Bible or the Pauline Christ.
24. They invented the concept of evangelism through a misunderstanding of Bible verses.
25. These churches are a collection of Bible verses taken out of context.
26. They search verses for key words they can spin to make their points in books and sermons regardless of accuracy
27. They teach that everyone must be an evangelist

28. They teach that the Christian Church must make the world perfect before Jesus can return
 29. The present-day church is the kingdom of God
 30. No one can be saved without reading the Bible, or hearing the Bible, or hearing a preacher. (This concept is the result of misunderstanding Paul's epistle to the Romans.)
 31. Errors in evangelism
 32. Errors in missionary work
 33. This present age is the millennium mentioned in the Bible and it does not mean 1,000 literal years, but means a long unspecified period of time.
 34. There is no future prophetic millennium
 35. There is no Rapture
 36. There is no Tribulation
 37. Pentecost was the empowering of God's people, not the beginning of the church
 38. Believers are all of God's elect who have through Grace by Faith in Jesus been redeemed and there have been believers throughout time – New Testament and Old Testament. back to Adam and Eve.
 39. The Church began in the Old Testament and consists of all the Redeemed people since Adam
 40. Belief in Infant baptism that saves the child's soul
 41. Belief in water baptism for today
 42. Belief that tithing is for the church today
 43. The Mosaic law remains in effect to this day
 44. The 10 Commandments are for today
 45. The law and works are for today to salvation
 46. Christians must "work" for their salvation
 47. Bring the unsaved into the church at all costs
 48. Morph the church to accommodate the culture
 49. Make the unsaved feel welcome by eliminating doctrine.
 50. The Bible is too complicated for anyone to understand
 51. You need a preacher to explain God and the Bible to you
 52. You need a priest to forgive your sins
 53. You need a priest to mediate between you and God
 54. Celibacy
 55. Clergy in costumes following the example of pagan religions
 56. And most recently, related to the seeker driven church: the error of Ecumenicalism
 57. Transubstantiation in Communion
 58. Communion is a requirement to infuse grace
- ...just to name a few.

See the article "[*How to Spot a Covenant Church*](#)" for a larger list of Covenant false beliefs and features

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As you look deeper into the liberal, progressive Covenant beliefs, their allegorical and spiritualized interpretation of the Bible has no "firm foundation": anything goes. As the world continues its moral and spiritual decline, you can be sure this modern-day progressive liberal religion will progress down the toilet right along with it.

The Simple Truth: A Better Way

Do you call yourself a Christian and follow Covenant Theology in a religion about a god?

Or are you in the Body of Christ, having the Spirit of God and a relationship with the one true God?

There is a big difference. The first is Satan leading you to eternal damnation, the second is God calling you to eternal life.

But calling yourself a Christian and believing what a false religion tells you – doctrines and platitudes and stories that are not in the Bible, this is not salvation.

1. What is your church telling you?

Is what they are telling you biblical?

Do you know the truth?

What do you believe?

Are your beliefs biblical?

Do you have that all-important relationship with God, and His Spirit?

Do you have eternal life?

How is your spiritual life?

- If you do not have the spiritual growth you desire
- if you find the Bible confusing
- if you are not fulfilled spiritually
- if you are following a bunch of non-biblical traditions someone made up
- If you lack joy, peace, and satisfaction in your life
- if you're tired of the
 - endless Gospel sermons,
 - and the self-help messages,
 - and the social gospel agendas;
 - and can't bear one more "3 point", 5 ways, 10 steps" to something, something sermon pep-talks
- if you find no purpose in the church busy work people say you must do
- if you do not have the knowledge or confidence to share your faith with others,
- or don't know what your faith is,
- or tired of trying to live a good life on your own power and continuously failing

...not to worry. It's not you, it's your religion. Specifically, it is your separation from God and your lack of God's Spirit because of your religion.

Fortunately, there is a quick fix

You Can Find God and Eternal Life

The Bible is very simple and very complete. Everything you need is in the Bible and you do not need some guy in a costume behind a podium telling you what he thinks it all might mean. The fact is, the guy on stage has absolutely no idea what the Bible says. He might think he does. He might tell you he does. But, decades of auditing countless sermons from churches around the world, comparing what they say to the Bible, reveals these individuals are totally clueless. I have never found one that wasn't.

The power you need for life and living, the clarity, understanding, wisdom, confidence, guidance and direction, the peace, comfort, and contentment is all there waiting for you.

You, God, the Spirit, and the Bible are all you need. God will open your eyes to the truth that you will never find sitting in a phew of an apostate church in a false, blind religion.

Don't be a *Christian*. Become a child of God, find the truth and eternal life with God.

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Compare your church statements and teachings against the Pauline Epistles. For that matter, check your own beliefs using the same yard stick. You can also make use of our "**Check-a-Church**" service to see how your Church lines up with the Bible.

Check out the many related articles on this site , "**The History of Christian Religion**", "**Reading Church Statements**", "**What's Wrong with Church**", "**Why the Christian Religion Failed**", "**A Discussion on Protestant-isms**" "**All Scripture?**" "**It is Finished**" "**Missionary Madness**" and many more
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Companion articles you might enjoy entitled "**Missionary Madness**" "**Why People Cannot Understand**" "**3 Bullet Points**" "**The New Testament Creation**" "**Nominal Christian Religion**" "**The Four Jewish Gospels**" "**What is a Cult**" "**The Jewish Hebrew Epistles**"
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