

## The Disciples were called Christians

**Jesus and Nicodemus - the old testament is about me. - It is also about the church.**

**Jacob and family went into Egypt, 400 years they come out the nation of Israel**

**Moses the deliverer**

**Slain Lamb, Blood, cloud and fire, Red Sea, You will see them no more for ever.**

**They were taken care of by God, He feed them [Manna], they had no sickness and their clothing did not wear out.**

**Acts 11:26** and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

### 1. The way the followers saw themselves

- a. **John 14:3-7** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup>You know the way to the place where I am going. <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."
- i. **Acts 22:4** I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison,
- ii. **Acts 24:22** Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. "

### 2. The obligations of a Christian

- a. **Colossians 3:1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
- b. **Colossians 3:2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
- c. **Colossians 3:5-7** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.
- d. **Colossians 3:8-9** But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices
- e. **Colossians 3: <sup>10</sup>and** have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- f. **Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may

- have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- g. **2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
  - h. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
3. What is the result of all this?
- a. **Romans 11:29** for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.
  - b. **1 Cor. 12:8-10** To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.
  - c. **Matthew 7:7-11** "Ask and it will be given to you;
    - i. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives
    - ii. your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!
  - d. seek and you will find;
    - i. he who seeks finds;
  - e. knock and the door will be opened to you
    - i. to him who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup>"
  - f. **Matthew 17:20** Nothing will be impossible for you."
  - g. **Matthew 21:21-22** Jesus replied, " <sup>22</sup>If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."
  - h. **Mark 9:23** " 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."
  - i. **Mark 11:22-24** "Have faith in God,"
    - i. believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
  - j. **John 15:7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
  - k. **John 15:16** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
4. What did the people see that they called the people "Little Christ"
- a. **Romans 15:19** by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.
5. How long did this all occur?
- a. Until the church - state in the year 335.
    - i. Constantine declared that the Christian Church was the church of the Roman

Empire

(1) The problem, proclaimed a tolerance for the old heathen religions.

(2) **Rev. 2:14-15** Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

b. It was during this period that the power of signs and miracles stopped being a common event in the church.

6. But let us hold on to this fact!

a. **Rev. 2:17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

b. All creation groans and with the spirit pray and shout “Jesus the Christ, The Son of God, the Mighty God come forth in all your GLORY, and POWER

c. So that we your new creation, pure white and spotless will say with the Spirit

d. **Rev. 22:20** Come, Lord Jesus.