

# A CHRISTIAN INDEED

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. *"Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath her hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day."* v. 5.
1. Paul is describing widows who are special to the church.
  2. Who receive support from the church.
  3. One who is worthy of the support of the church.
- B. Since This Was True, It Was Reasonable And Right To Expect A Standard Of Life!
1. Her life was to be an example for all.
  2. This standard had to be maintained.
- C. Would it not be just as reasonable to expect the kind of life that every Christian should live?
1. Is there not a standard to be met?
  2. Can we recognize who is "A CHRISTIAN INDEED".
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## A WIDOW INDEED

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- A. SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GENUINE WIDOW.
1. *"Her hope set on God."*
  2. *"Continues in supplications and prayers night and day".*
  3. *"Well reported of for good works."*
  4. *"Shown hospitality".*
  5. *"Relieved the afflicted."*
  6. *"If she hath diligently followed every good work."*
  7. \*For Later - Which of these can she leave off and still be a Widow Indeed
- B. TO CLAIM TO BE A WIDOW INDEED IS NOT ENOUGH.
1. The life must show it.
  2. They are widows indeed, not because they claim it - But because they live it!
- C. CAN WE RECOGNIZE "A CHRISTIAN INDEED"?
1. IS IT POSSIBLE?
  2. How? **By the life they live!**
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## BECOME A CHRISTIAN

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### A. FIRST ONE MUST BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

1. Not enough just to claim to be a Christian.
2. What is the standard - not from man, but from God.
3. How do we know when one becomes a Christian.

### B. TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN ONE MUST:

1. Hear about it. No one ever became a Christian without hearing the message of Christ. (Rom. 10:17).
2. If one does not Believe what he hears, he can't accept it.
  - a. When he hears and believes it, he changes his life.
  - b. If his life is not changed, he does not believe.
3. One become a Christian when he turns from sin (Repent) and his attitude toward the world is changed. (Luke 13:3)
4. He acknowledges to the world his faith in Christ (Confession). He confesses for all the world to hear.
5. He dies to the world, is buried with Christ, and with his sins forgiven he is raised to walk in a new life. Baptism. (Rom. 6).

### C. WHICH ONE OF THESE CAN BE ELIMINATED OR CHANGED AND ONE STILL BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

1. Go back, make a quick review and try to eliminate one.
  2. If God gives the standard - Who has the authority to change it?
  3. Who is man to reply or to question God.
  4. **Who is "A CHRISTIAN INDEED"?**
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## A Christian Indeed Must..

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### A. BE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

1. What is implied by the term "follower"?
2. Can one be a follower of Christ and refuse to go where He leads?
3. *"And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."* (Luke 9:23).
4. A Christian Indeed, must Follow Christ.

### B. HE MUST BE A DISCIPLE. By definition - "a learner" thought accompanied by endeavor.

1. One who follows a teacher.
2. *"If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples:"* (John 8:31).
3. Can we be a disciple of the teacher and at the same time refuse his

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teachings?

4. The very thought is contradictory.
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## THE LIFE OF...

- A. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.”* (Gal. 5:22-24)
1. A Christian in Speech.
  2. A Christian in Dress.
  3. A Christian in Example.
  4. A Christian in Everything We Do!
- B. *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”* (Phil. 4:8).
1. A Christian in Morals.
  2. A Christian in Attitudes.
  3. A Christian in Mind is seen the life that is lived!
- C. ARE YOU “A CHRISTIAN INDEED”?
1. God’s Word is the Standard.
  2. Are we living up to it?
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