



What does it mean
to be a Christian?

Survey Results

“A few words or a phrase that describes what being a Christian is to you.”

Outward /submission Christian (52.4% of Christian responses)

- Show mercy
- Show forgiveness
- Show grace
- Love others
- Compassion
- Leading others to God
- Christ follower
- Servant
- Glorify God
- Let God be lord of my life

Inward Christian (47.6% of Christian responses)

- Receive peace
- Receive comfort
- Receive love
- Receive assurance
- Receive hope
- Receive grace
- Receive forgiveness
- Receive eternal life
- Claim His promises
- Be blessed
- Freedom from punishment

Non-Christian (12.5% of total responses)

- Judgmental
- Legalistic
- Elitist
- Torture
- Very stressful
- Limits personal dreams
- Painful
- Teaching tool for those who cannot internalize feelings of energy within us

Sermon on the Mount

- ▶ Introduction
 - ▶ Matthew 5: 3-16
- ▶ Not a checklist but a changed heart
 - ▶ Matthew 5: 17-45
- ▶ What's your goal...so you want a reward, do you?
 - ▶ Matthew 5:46-6:33
- ▶ Is your fruit sweet or bitter?
 - ▶ Matthew 7: 1-20
- ▶ Conclusion
 - ▶ Matthew 7: 21-27

Summary of sermon on the mount

Jesus's Christianity in a nut shell???

- ▶ It's not the high and mighty religious elite that please God but those who are: 1. poor in spirit 2. those who mourn 3. the meek 4. those who hunger and thirst for righteousness 5. the merciful 6. the pure in heart 7. the peacemakers 8. the persecuted
- ▶ He doesn't want you to follow a checklist (legalism) he wants a changed heart
- ▶ If you want a reward go for Gods reward not glory or money
- ▶ Produce good fruit
- ▶ If you don't obey this teaching it doesn't matter how seemingly religious you are you will be destroyed

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Sermon on the mount

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- Meek
- Hunger and thirsting for righteousness
- Merciful
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- Non-legalistic
- Heart like God's
- Forgiving
- Loving even our enemies
- Doing to others as we would have them do to us
- Not self seeking but seeking God's reward
- Producing good fruit that because of our good deeds others will glorify God

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“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

MATTHEW 6:33



“In the same way, let
your light shine before
men, that they may
see your good deeds
and praise your Father
in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



“Thus, by their fruit
you will recognize
them.”

Matthew 7:20