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**Kinds of Christians**

In a parable, Jesus said:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.” (**Matthew 13:24-25**)

The owner’s solution was to let it all grow until harvest, and then make the separation. Jesus explained:

“He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.” (**Matthew 13:37-39**)

“Tares” (or “weeds”) among Christians doesn’t mean God approves of them, or that they are produced by the Word of God. God knows the difference, now and on Judgment Day!

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**The Name “Christian”**

Is “Christian” a label for anyone who believes anything about Jesus Christ?

So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. (**Acts 11:26**)

The resurrected Lord (and not the baby Jesus!) said:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

**To be a “Christian” one must:**

- 1) **Observe all that Jesus commanded.** But He nowhere “commanded” that we observe His birth;

- 2) **Assemble with the church.** Which church? The church of Christ is the only one in the New Testament;
- 3) **Remember, "Christian" is not hyphenated** nor applied to everyone who claims to be one!

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**Light and Darkness**

And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (**Genesis 1:4-5**)

Has anyone who believes in Evolution ever come up with an explanation for how light separated from darkness? Since "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" (**1 John 1:5**), being in "darkness" spiritually describes lives without God's influence and instruction. Solomon said, "The fool walks in darkness" (**Ecclesiastes 2:13-14**). Jesus said:

"Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going." (**John 12:35**)

His Gospel calls sinners "out of darkness into His marvelous light" (**1 Peter 2:9**). He who believes and is baptized will be saved (**Mark 16:16**).

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**Hatred Without a Cause**

[Jesus said,] "He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause'." (**John 15:23-25**)

Since "hatred without a cause" is from Moses' Law, but only occurs in **Psalm 35:19** and **Psalm 69:4**, then Jesus considered the Book of Psalms a part of "their law!" David wrote the wicked and deceitful:

... Have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me **without a cause**. (**Psalm 109:1-3**)

Religious rage, road rage, phone rage, sexual rage are hate without a cause. Only the wicked will do it.

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Paul wrote:

Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.  
(**Ephesians 5:1-2**)

His love for us caused Jesus to give Himself as our "offering," to express thanksgiving; our "sacrifice," or blood offering to atone for our sins; "a sweet smelling aroma" shows how acceptable to God our atonement is! Jesus said He came "to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (**Matthew 20:28**). "Ransom" is the price for a slave who is then set free. His part, as He said on His cross, "is finished" (**John 19:30**). We must renounce our slavery to sin by repentance, and be baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**). His sacrifice saves, not all, but the "many" who obey.

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