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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

5-11-2015 What God Is Able To Do

John the Baptist told the Jews,

"Do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones" (**Matthew 3:9**).

Under the Gospel of Christ:

If [Jews] do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again (**Romans 11:23**).

And to Christians:

God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work (**2 Corinthians 9:8**).

God is able to by-pass the Jews, save obedient Israelites, help Christians serve Him. The issue is never what God is able to do – but what are you willing to do? Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (**Mark 16:16**).

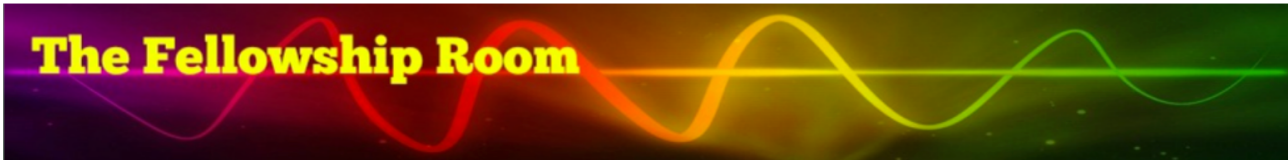
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**5-12-2015                      Who Is A "Christian?" #1**

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Jesus had 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; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age Amen" (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

Only "disciples" can be called "Christians," and no "disciples" were saved before they were baptized, according to Jesus Christ. Are you a "Christian?"

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**5-13-2015                      Who Is A "Christian?" #2**

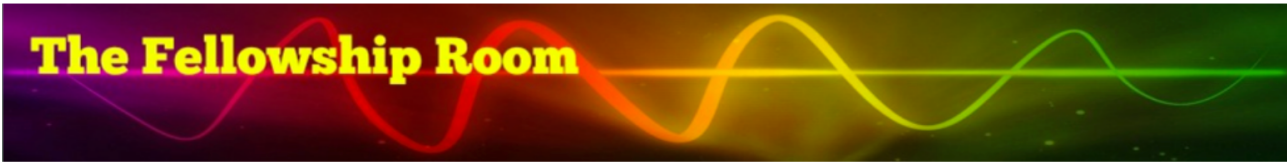
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Saul of Tarsus was one of those who was called a "Christian." Saul had not been saved on the road to Damascus, for Jesus had told him:

"Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (**Acts 9:6**).

After 3 days, Ananias told Saul, "Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (**Acts 22:16**), then "he arose and was baptized" (**Acts 9:18**). Saul was a "Christian." Are you a "Christian?"

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**5-14-2015                      Who Is A "Christian?" #3**

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Saul became the Apostle Paul who wrote,

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (**Romans 6:3-4**).

Since baptism entered the death of Christ Jesus, Paul did not believe he had been saved by prayer before he was baptized or that baptism began his "newness of life." He believed as he was told, that in baptism, his sins were washed away (**Acts 22:16**). Paul was a "Christian," are you?

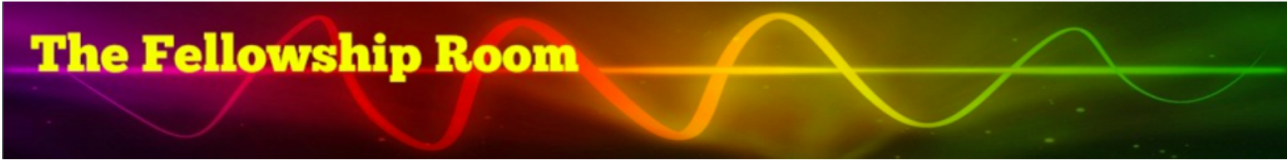
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**5-15-2015                      Who Is A "Christian?" #4**

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 11:25-26**).

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What “kind” of Christians were they? Jesus Christ 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; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen” (**Matthew 28:19-20**).

“Disciples” have been baptized with God's authority and follow only the authority of Jesus Christ, not man's. Who has “authorized” your “salvation:” God or man? “Disciples” of Jesus Christ are “Christians” with “one baptism” and “one faith” (**Ephesians 4:4-6**). Are you a “Christian?”

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