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- The HONOR of wearing the name. Isaiah 56:5; 62:2; 1 Peter 4:16; cf. Acts 5:41
  - We wear the name of His Son. cf. Galatians 4:14; 6:14
- The REWARD of wearing the name. cf. Matthew 6:33; 7:11; James 1:17
  - Spiritual blessings. Ephesians 1:3-6
  - The Promise of Heaven. John 5:24; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; John 14:2-3

### Blessings In Christ

Blessed are the dead, Revelation 14:13  
Eternal life. 1 John 5:11  
Redemption/ Forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7  
Salvation. 2 Timothy 2:10  
No Condemnation. Romans 8:1  
New Creature. 2 Corinthians 5:17  
Grace. Romans 5:1

## Wearing The Name “Christian” Means...

- The RESPONSIBILITY of wearing the name.
  - Disciple. Acts 11:26
  - Persuaded. Acts 26:28
  - Suffer / Glorify. 1 Peter 4:16
  - Life of Duty. Ecclesiastes 12:13; Luke 17:7-10

## Difference Between Being A Christian And Wearing The Name

- Strong and weak. Romans 15:1; Ephesians 6:10
- Spiritual and carnal. 1 Corinthians 3:1; Galatians 6:1
- Hot and cold. Revelation 3:15
- Stable and unstable. Ephesians 4:14-16
- Close and afar. cf. Matthew 26:58

Difference between being saved or lost!  
cf. Hebrews 10:32-36; 2 Peter 2:20-22

## Difference Between Being A Christian And Wearing The Name

- How can I know the difference?
  - Conviction or convenience? Acts 24:24ff; 1 Peter 3:15; cf. Daniel 3
  - Separated from the world? Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 2:15
    - Must “deny self ... and follow me.” Matthew 16:24; John 12:26
    - Must develop the mind of a servant. Philippians 2:5; 4:8; Ephesians 2:1ff; Romans 6:16
  - Devoted to the church? Matthew 6:33; John 13:34; Hebrews 10:24-25
  - Appreciate strong preaching? Galatians 4:16; John 6:66
  - Growing? 2 Peter 1:5-11; 3:18
  - Trying to save the lost? John 15:1-8; Proverbs 11:30

## Three Facts Regarding The Wearing Of The Name “Christian”

- Wear it voluntarily. cf. 2 Corinthians 12:15
- Wear it always. 1 Corinthians 15:58; Matthew 24:44; Luke 9:23 ... daily
- Wear it intelligently.
  - Influence. Matthew 5:13-16
  - Judgment. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13

- Are we Christians or merely wearing the name?
- Not all who wear the name will go to heaven!
- Don't just wear the name, be the person that the name suggests, "Christ In You." cf. Galatians 2:20