

CHRIST HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Church

((Col 1:18 NIV) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Acts 11:19-26

Words changed in meaning

- Armholes - elbows (Ezk 13:18)
- Bowels - - heart (Phil 1:7)
- Cuckoo - seagull (Deut 14:15)
- Lunatic - epileptic (mat 4:24)
- Untoward - crooked (Acts 2:40)
- Wench - maidservant (2 Sam 17:17)
- Wist - knew (Acts 12:9)

Question #1

Why call the believers in the Anitoch Church Christians?

Are You the Christ?

(John 10:24 NIV) The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

I am He

(John 4:25-26 NIV) The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Rock of Revelation

(Mat 16:15-16 NIV) "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Martha got it!

(John 11:27 NIV) "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Do we get it?

(John 20:31 NIV) But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Question #2

What label do you wear?

What would you call them?

- Jesus-ites?
- Or Jesus-ers
- Or Jesus-ians?
- Why Christ-ians?

Who do you follow?

(1 Cor 1:12 NIV) What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas "; still another, "I follow Christ."

Who is the good Shepherd

*(John 10:11 NIV) "I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the
sheep.*

Christ the Head of the Church

(Col 1:18 NIV) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Question #3

Do you bear the name of Christ?

If insulted be blessed

(1 Pet 4:14 NIV) If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Don't be ashamed

(1 Pet 4:16 NIV) However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

Share in His sufferings

(Phil 3:10 NIV) I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Question #4

How is our identity in Christ walked out?

In the name of Jesus Christ

- Believe... (John 3:18)
- Repent and be baptized... (Acts 2:38)
- Heal...(Acts 3:6)
- Speak and teach... (Acts 4:18)
- Preach...(Acts 9:27-28)
- Baptized (Acts 10:48)
- Assemble... (1 Cor 5:4)
- Give thanks for everything... (Eph 5:20)
- Do all things... (Col 3:17)

Not under Christ's authority

(Acts 19:13 NIV) Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."

Conclusion