



Disciple of Christ Part 1

True Christianity has survived throughout the centuries by believers relaying the faith baton from one generation to another, guarding the Gospel of Grace that was commended firsthand to the apostles, especially the apostle Paul, all the way down to you and I, all because the Holy Spirit flowed through a faithful bunch.

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

For one thing, not everyone that has been considered a part of Christianity has been obedient to the faith. From those that have been obedient to the faith, many are still not considered a part of the faithful bunch, which the Bible calls **Disciples**.

-What do you mean?

Christianity is composed of three types of people:

- Christians
- Believers in Christ
- Disciples of Christ

Firstly, the word *Christian*, which means “little Christ,” was a tag given to believers in Christ by non-believers out of mockery. However, the Bible never calls the believer a Christian or even instructs us to embrace as our identity. It is a label that is no longer apt to distinguish a believer in Christ from a non-believer in our current culture.

Today, Christians are people who imitate a religion and live a lifestyle according to their denominational standard. Most of what they consider Christianity is just a set of vain traditions, outer conformity to religious laws, and heretical beliefs rather than walking by faith. For this reason, many Christians are not believers in Christ.

On the other hand, believers in Christ are people that believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord (Christ’s finished work). These have placed saving faith in Jesus and worship Him as the only way, the only truth, and the only life (these do not devote themselves to any other deity, being, or image). They have been born again of the Spirit and show enough fruit in their lives to be convicted as believers.

John 8:31

Jesus said to those that believed in Him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings.”

Lastly, disciples of Christ are believers in Christ who are students of God's grace. They have been compelled by love to live a life of commitment to the faith by bringing glory to Jesus in everything they do, understand and defend the Gospel of Grace, and bless His Church above their own agenda and pursuit of their own ambitions.

These faithful believers in Christ have taken the step of faith to be water baptized and baptized in the Holy Spirit. They are grounded in the gift of righteousness – the heart of the Gospel. These believers are involved in the Kingdom of God and use their gifts to edify the body of Christ. They feel a sense of belonging and purpose within the body of Christ. They continually seek to grow in Grace through the Word of God, love and give to others without measuring cost. They wholeheartedly follow the Lord and remain faithful to the faith knowing persecution, hardship, temptation, and public opinion will arise for Jesus' sake. Last but not least, they have a passion to spread the Gospel of Grace and make an impact.

The bold teacher, Watchman Nee, stated once:

- *“Today, even amongst Christians, there can be found much of that spirit that wants to give as little as possible to the Lord, and yet to get as much as possible from Him.”*

However, the majority of believers in Christ settle and never move on to further grow in the grace of God. They are satisfied with just receiving eternal salvation but never wholeheartedly seek to know Jesus more. They live just for personal gain and their own ambitions first. Yet, these same believers wonder why they are not walking in the supernatural and aren't prospering the way the Bible promises. This is not consistent with the New Testament. Every believer in Christ should be a disciple of Christ.

Galatians 4:1, ESV

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything...

Discipleship is very important to be able to enjoy everything the Father has for us.

Notice that it doesn't matter if a child is an heir of everything His father has, he will not be any different than slave as long as he is a child. In other words, maturity as believers in Christ is important to be able to enjoy all that the Lord has for us. As long as we settle and never move on to further grow in the grace of God, we will never be able to enjoy all because it takes maturity to enjoy our inheritance in Christ.

When a believer in Christ presses forward towards maturity and has it in his or her heart to be a disciple of Christ, they begin to walk in all the fullness of God. They discover their purpose and experience true fulfillment. They find, follow, and fulfill God's will for their life. They live a selfless life wanting to live to bless and give to others. They live under God's best for them and run the race swiftly. All of a sudden, their whole life is brought into right perspective and begins to see it in light of eternity.

For this reason, Joyner Briceño Ministries is developing a program to fully train believers in Christ to become disciples of Christ. Below is a link of the **eDiscipleship** program.

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