

Live like Christ (Bilingual)

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[0:00] ■■■■■■Let us pray
together■■■■■■Dear Heavenly Father, thank you
for gathering us here todayto praise and worship
you■■■■■■Please question our hearts so that we may listen to
your word■■■■■■And also so we can leave out your
words■■■■■■AmenPray to sing Jesus' most precious name,
Amen■■■■■■Christmas is just around the corner■■■■■■Let me tell you a
story■■■■■■But it's not a story about
Christmas■■■■■■

One day the great author Mark Twain received a letter from a new
student■■■■■■The student hadwho was very interested in one
particular question■■■■■■He heard that fish bones
contain a lot of phosphoruswhich is beneficial for the
brain■■■■■■So does that mean in order to become
such a well-known authoryou have to eat a lot of
fish■■■■■■I don't know ifHe asked the authorI don't know if
this saying is correct■■■■■■

And then he continued to askDid you eat a lot of fish in your timeWhat type of fish did you
eat■■■■■■Mark Twain replied■■■■■■It seems like
to me that you'll have to eat a whole lot of whales■■■■■■Why aren't you
laughing■■■■■■When I first heard this storyI couldn't
help myselfAnd I laughed for about ten
minutes■■■■■■In those daysEvery time I thought
of this storyI continue to laugh■■■■■■This well-known author is not a
Christian■■■■■■

But we can all say thatfrom his sarcastic
comments■■■■■■This well-known
author never had the chanceto become a Christianbecause he lived in the time of black
slavery■■■■■■At the time he saw a lot of
ChristiansGathered at church on SundaysAnd praised and worship
God■■■■■■But from Monday to FridayThey would treat their Negro
slavesWith violence and cruelty■■■■■■And therefore he was extremely
angered by this■■■■■■Indeed a lot of
wrongful acts done by ChristiansCan cause people to reject
Christianity■■■■■■

Next Sunday we have the baptism Sunday■■■■■■And
we have five brothers and sisterswho will be baptizedand will join the churchand become
a Christian■■■■■■And this of course includes our little
Mia■■■■■■So what is a true Christian?

[4 : 47] I find the need to reiterate this the definition before we get baptized. The website dictionary have the following definition for Christians. Someone who believes Jesus to be the true Christ Or someone who believes in Christianity. The Bible can provide us with a lot more insight into the meaning of Christianity. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes on the concept of being different which is to say that Christians have to be separated from the world. And they have to be different from non-Christians.

In 2 Corinthians 6 verses 14 to 18. It says Do not be yoked together with unbelievers for what do righteousness and weakness have in common Or what fellowship can light have with darkness. What harmony is there between Christ and Belial which is Satan And what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever.

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols For we are the temple of the living God As God has said I will live with them and walk among them And I will be their God And they will be my people. Therefore come out from them And be separate Be separate Says the Lord Touch no unclean thing And I will receive you. I will be a father to you And you will be my sons and daughters Says the Lord Almighty. The above passage reiterates the concept of being separate. It's to tell us that Christians should be separated Amongst non-Christians.

So what are the differences between Christians and non-Christians. In today's scripture reading First John chapter 2 Verses 3 to 4 It says We know that we have come to know him If we obey his commands The man who says I know him But does not Oh sorry. The man who says I know him But does not do what he commands Is a liar And the truth is not in him. It can be seen that Christians Come to know Jesus By obeying his commands. The truth is not with those that do not do what he commands.

And they will not And they also will not get to know Christ. And if they call themselves Christians And they are lying And this is the difference between Christians and non-Christians. So how can you become a true Christian. In verse 5 it says But if anyone obeys this word God's love is truly made complete in him This is how we know we are in him Yohan. John says By obeying God's words We are expressing our love to him. And by doing so We know that we belong to him.

[10 : 12] In verse 6 it says Whoever claims to live in him Must walk as Jesus did. This is to say All who claim to live in him And claim to be Christians Must walk as Jesus did. This is once again It's to say that If you're a Christian Then you should aim to imitate Jesus. And to let Jesus be your example When you're living in this world. And let others say Christ's image through you. So how can we live out Christ's image.

Today we can examine The scriptures written by John, Paul and Peter To see examples of Christ's humility, love and sufferings To help us live out Christ's characteristics and to be a true Christian Let us first examine Examples of Christ's humility As written by John 13:3-10 In the book of John Chapter 13 Verses 3 to

10 Jesus knew that the father had put all things under his power And that he had come from God And was returning to God So he got up from the meal Took off his outer clothing And wrapped a towel around his waist

After that he poured water into a basin And began to wash His disciples' feet Drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him Then He came to Simon Peter Who said to him Lord are you going to wash my feet Yesu Jesus replied You do not realize What I am doing But later you will understand No said Peter You shall never wash my feet Jesus answered Unless I wash you You have no part with me Then Lord Simon Peter replied Not just my feet But my hands and my head as well 13:15

In verses 13 to 15 It says You call me teacher and lord And rightly so For I am what I am Now that I Your lord and teacher have washed your feet You also wash one another's You also should wash I have set an example that you should do as I have done for you

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