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Title: Who or What Is a Christian? A Relationship with Jesus

Text: 1 John 1:1-5

A Christian is someone who by Faith has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Relationships begin with an encounter with someone. v.1-2

We have seen

We have heard

We have touched

Relationships become stronger as each partner gains knowledge of the other.

1 John 1:2 - The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Philippians 3:10-11 - 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, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Relationships require the effort of each partner.

1 John 1:3 - We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (fellowship with us fellowship with the Father and Jesus)

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Time

Resources

Good Relationships are shared with others.

Four times John said we proclaim or testify.

Why because his relationship with Jesus brought him real joy.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”