



CHRISTIANS OF NAME OR BY NATURE?

“²⁶When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they were gathered together with the assembly, and taught many people. The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Acts 11:26 web

Introduction:

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“¹⁶They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.” Titus 1:16

1. _____.

“¹⁷This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 nlt

“²Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2 nlt

⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” [Romans 6:4](#)

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²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” [Galatians 5:22-23](#) nlt

²⁰Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” [Matthew 7:20](#) niv

³⁵Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” [John 13:35](#) nlt

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¹⁴You are the light of the world like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” [Matthew 5:14-16](#) nlt

⁷And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace.” [Jeremiah 29:7](#)

Conclusion:

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” [Ephesians 5:8](#) niv