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“What's in a name? That which we call a rose  
by any other name would smell as sweet.”  
—William Shakespeare

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“What’s in a name?”

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Four Questions Every Man Must Ask

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<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews... <sup>21</sup>And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

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<sup>22</sup>The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

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<sup>25</sup>So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

—Acts 11:19, 21-26 ESV

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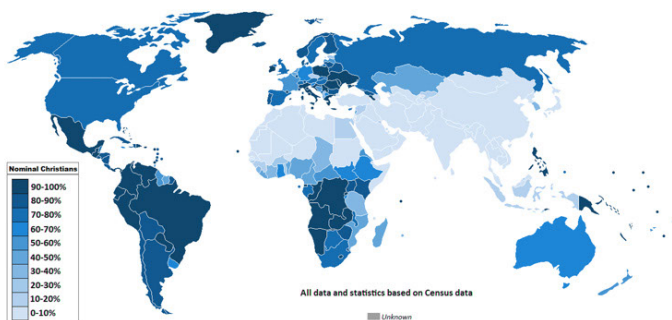
And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"

—Acts 26:28 ESV

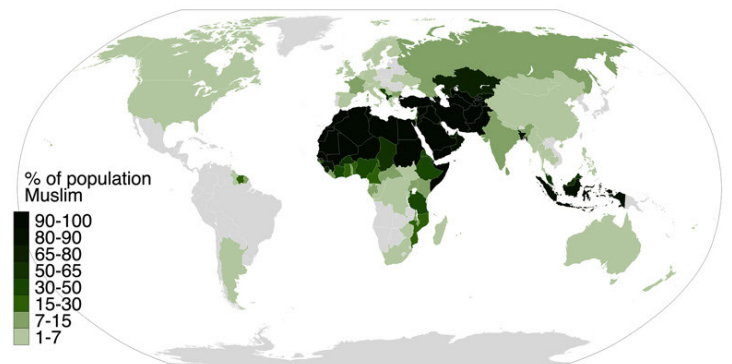
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Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. —1 Peter 4:16 ESV

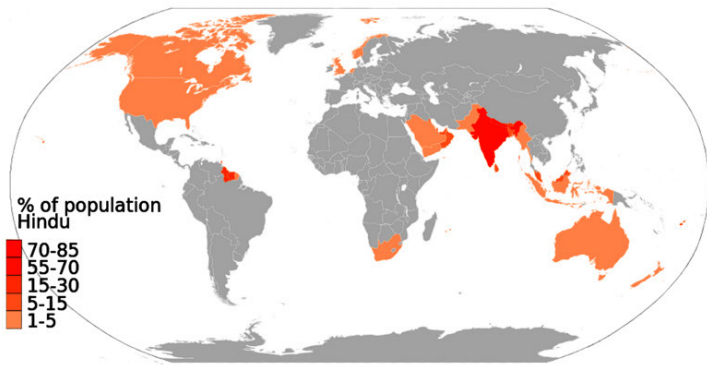
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### What is a Christian?

Someone Who Believes on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 10:43)

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<sup>42</sup>And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. —Acts 10:42-43 ESV

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Paul's testimony: "That I may know Him...  
I press toward the mark."  
Philippians 3:4b-10; 13b-16

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## Romans 8:1-4

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### What is a Christian?

Someone Who Has Been Baptized by the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-18)

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## What Does the Bible Say About the Spirit?

- The “gift” of the Holy Spirit is essential in salvation.

No baptism = No salvation

Acts 2:38 | Romans 8:9  
Ephesians 4:5

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## What Does the Bible Say About the Spirit?

- The “gifts” of the Holy Spirit enable us in service.

One baptism, but many fillings!

1 Corinthians 12:13 | Acts 4:31-33  
Ephesians 5:18

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“By baptism we are put into the element. By filling the element is put into us. By the baptism we are in the Spirit. By the filling the baptism is in us... The baptism is the historical event. The filling is the human experience.”

—J. Oswald Sanders

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## What is a Christian?

Someone Who Belongs to God's Family and  
Shares Community With Other Believers  
(Acts 11:23-26)

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Acts 2:41-47

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## What is a Christian?

Someone Who Bears Likeness  
to Jesus Christ (Acts 11:26)

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And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. —Acts 11:26 ESV

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“The name stuck and became a badge of honor. It is the name by which the Lord’s people are known to this day. The name identifies us with Christ and Him with us. What manner of people ought we to be in all godliness of character, conduct, and conversation who, by the name we bear, advertise to the world that we are His!” —Dr. John Phillips

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