

Summer at Epic - Part 8 - Beyond Christian
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Our Understanding of “Christian”

- Our **CHILDHOOD** experience.
- Our **CHURCH** experience.
- Our **FAITH** experience.
- Our experience with other **CHRISTIANS**.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. - Acts 11:25-26

Writings of Cornelius Tacitus from the Annals

"Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus..."

Christian Or...

- **DISCIPLE** - learner, pupil, follower.

So the word of God spread. The number of **disciples** in Jerusalem increased rapidly...
- Acts 6:7

In Joppa there was a **disciple** named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. - Acts 9:36

Therefore go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. - Matthew 28:19

The Commandment

³³ (Jesus) "Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. ³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
- John 13:33-35

APPLICATION QUESTION: What does 'disciple' REQUIRE OF ME?