

## THE APOSTLE JOHN'S DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN\*

1. Walks in the light (1 John 1:7)
2. Keeps his (Jesus') commandments (1 John 2:3)
3. Keeps his (Jesus') word (1 John 2:5)
4. Walks in the same way that Jesus walked (1 John 2:6)
5. Loves other Christians (1 John 2:10)
6. Does the will of God (1 John 2:17)
7. Continues in fellowship with other Christians (1 John 2:19)
8. Has an anointing from the Holy One (God) (1 John 2:20)
9. Knows the truth (1 John 2:20)
10. Acknowledges the Son (that Jesus is the Christ) (1 John 2:23)
11. Remains faithful to things taught from the beginning (1 John 2:24)
12. Has the Holy Spirit to teach him what is right (1 John 2:27)
13. Filled with courage, not ashamed of Christ (1 John 2:28)
14. Will do what is right (1 John 2:29)
15. Has an eager expectation of Christ's return and his transformation (1 John 3:3)
16. Keeps himself pure (1 John 3:3)
17. Practices righteousness (1 John 3:7)
18. Cannot practice habitual sin (1 John 3:9)
19. Is hated by the world (1 John 3:13)
20. Loves Christian brotherhood (1 John 3:14; 4:21)
21. Ought to lay down his life for other Christians (1 John 3:16)
22. Loves, not just in word or talk, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-19)
23. Keeps God's commandments and does what pleases Him (1 John 3:22-24)
24. Assured of salvation by the Holy Spirit (1 John 3:24)
25. Confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (1 John 4:2)
26. Listens to those who speak the truth of God (1 John 4:6)
27. Loves others (1 John 4:7, 11-12)
28. God has given his Holy Spirit (1 John 4:13)
29. Confesses that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 4:15; 5:1)
30. Abides in love (1 John 4:16)
31. Does not fear (1 John 4:18)
32. Loves God and obeys his commandments (1 John 5:2)
33. Overcomes the world through faith (1 John 5:4-5)
34. Believes in the Son of God (1 John 5:10)
35. Has the Son (1 John 5:12)
36. Does not keep on sinning (1 John 5:18)
37. Keeps himself from idols (1 John 5:21)

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## **THE APOSTLE JOHN'S DEFINITION OF A NON-CHRISTIAN\***

1. Walks in darkness while claiming to walk in the light (1 John 1:6)
2. Lies and does not practice truth (1 John 1:6)
3. Claims to have no sin (1 John 1:8, 10)
4. Claims to know Christ but does not keep his commandments (1 John 2:4)
5. Hates his Christian brothers (1 John 2:9, 11)
6. Blinded by darkness so does not know where he is going (1 John 2:11)
7. Loves the world (1 John 2:15)
8. Does not remain in Christian fellowship (1 John 2:19)
9. Denies that Jesus is the Christ (1 John 2:22-23)
10. Does not recognize a Christian (1 John 3:1)
11. Habitually practices sin (1 John 3:6-9)
12. Does not practice righteousness (1 John 3:10)
13. Does not love the brotherhood (1 John 3:10)
14. Does not love (1 John 3:14)
15. Hates the brotherhood and is equal to a murderer (1 John 3:15)
16. Closes his heart against a brother in need (1 John 3:17)
17. Does not confess Jesus (1 John 4:3)
18. Speak from the viewpoint of the world (1 John 4:5)
19. Does not listen to those who speak the truth of God (1 John 4:6)
20. Does not love and therefore does not know God (1 John 4:8)
21. Lives in fear (1 John 4:18)
22. Says he loves God, but hates his brother, and is therefore a liar (1 John 4:20)
23. Does not believe God (1 John 5:10)
24. Calls God a liar (1 John 5:10)
25. Does not believe what God has testified about Christ (1 John 5:10)

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