

Words That Describe the Christian

Introduction

- **In the past we may say that I** “once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others” **(Ephesians 2:2-3).**
- **We are not who we once were. Our lives have taken a different direction. Now I** “no longer should live the rest of time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God” **(1 Peter 4:2).**
- **I want to share with you some words that should describe each one of us as Christians now:**

1. ALIVE

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive to God in Christ Jesus** our Lord.

2. LOVED

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who **loved us** and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

3. SAVED

1 Timothy 2:3-4 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men **to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype **which now saves us—baptism** (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

4. IN CHRIST

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ**,

Galatians 3:26-27 For you are all sons of God through faith **in Christ** Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**.

5. RECONCILED

Ephesians 2:16 and that He might **reconcile them both to God in one body** through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Romans 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were **reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

6. CITIZEN

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**,

Ephesians 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, **but fellow citizens with the saints** and members of the household of God,

7. BLESSED

Romans 4:7-8 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS ARE FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED; BLESSED IS THE MAN TO WHOM THE LORD SHALL NOT IMPUTE SIN."

Galatians 3:8-9 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

8. REDEEMED

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

9. NEW

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

10. FREE

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Romans 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

11. FORGIVEN

Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

12. WASHED, SANCTIFIED, JUSTIFIED

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Conclusion

1. As Christians, we can now boldly exclaim: I am a believer, a disciple, a saint.
2. What made the difference?
 - A. God's grace!
 - B. As a result of His grace, I gained faith! (Romans 10:17)

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God

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