

# WORD OF THE DAY



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*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*  
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## It's Biblical, But is it **Christian?** PART 2



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In the previous article, we said something can be biblical, but not necessarily Christian. That is to say, something can be in the Bible, but it may not be part of Christian belief or doctrine or practice. It now begs the question, what makes something Christian? To say what makes something Christian is really to ask, can it rightly be considered integral to Christian belief, practice or attitude, or how a Christian ought to act? To this question we now turn our attention to Jesus.

Christ Jesus is the heart and soul of the Christian faith. Jesus Christ is the one who makes it Christian. To be more precise, a belief, practice or position on a given issue is said to be Christian, if it is in line with the portrayal of God presented in the character and teaching of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures present the portrayal of Jesus Christ. Such portrayal really reveals who God is. What makes something Christian is that it is reflective of the nature and character of God as revealed in Christ Jesus. Phrased differently, the thing in question is in accordance with how God is portrayed in Jesus' life and teaching. To know if something is Christian then, we need to look at Jesus' life and teachings in the Scripture.

In light of this understanding, something could be in the Bible; however, it may not reflect the nature and character of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. As such, it may not rightly be considered a Christian belief, practice, or how a follower of Christ ought to behave or act. As an example, the Scripture says we can pay back "eye for eye, tooth for tooth." This is a call for revenge. However, Jesus teaches forgiveness (Matthew 5:38). Another example from Scripture is to love those who love us and hate our enemies. However again, Jesus teaches us to love all people, including our enemies (Matthew 5:43). The point is for something to be considered Christian, it should be in accordance with Jesus' life and teaching. We hope this is helpful.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The world has many people who follow the Bible, but fewer follow Christ.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for the Holy Scripture which present us with the Mosaic law, traditions & customs, wisdom & proverbs, and prophetic word & historical record. Yet I am not saved because I believe in a book but because I have faith and am submitted to a person(Jesus), the Son of God, as my Lord and my Savior. Help me to feed on your written word(Bible) and to follow your incarnated word(Jesus). In Jesus name we pray, amen.

*Your brother in Christ, WNL*

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