

Original Christians

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I. Introduction.

A. Many know how to become a Christian but not how to be a Christian.

B. We must speak to people in what is involved in being a Christian, speak to those who are not Christians to encourage them to become Christians and to preach the whole gospel to the whole world.

C. Text: Acts 11.

II. A genuine Christian is...

A. Someone who belongs to Christ.

B. Someone who knows what it is to suffer persecution for Christ's sake and accept it joyfully.

C. Someone who is vocal about sharing his or her faith.

1. It is inconceivable that anyone would have a genuine experience with the Lord Jesus and have nothing to say about it.

2. The early Christians preached the Lord Jesus. The basic message of the early church was the Lordship of Jesus.

3. The hand of the Lord was on the early Christians.

D. Someone who thoroughly enjoys resting and depending upon Christ.

Applications questions:

1. Which characteristic of a genuine Christian stands out to you? Explain.

2. How have you seen the message about the Lordship of Jesus missing from many churches?

3. How would you assess your efforts at personal evangelism? How can you grow in this area? Explain.
