

Just A Christian

“There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.” Ephesians 4:4, English Standard Version

What began as one _____ has fragmented into _____.

The Identity Of Christ’s First Followers

A. Designations of Jesus’ 1st century followers:

1. Acts 5:14 - _____ were added to the Lord, _____ of both _____ and _____.
2. Acts 6:7 – The number of the _____ multiplied greatly.
3. Acts 24:14 – Paul referred to “the _____”, which some considered a _____. It was how Paul now _____ God.

B. A new designation for Christ’s followers:

1. Acts 11:26 – It was in _____ that the _____ were first called _____.
2. Acts 26:28 – Agrippa showed that “Christian” was by then a _____ term for Christ’s followers.
3. 1 Peter 4:16 – Don’t be _____ if you _____ as a Christian.

Why We Should Be “Just Christians”

A. Are different kinds of Christianity condoned by Christ?

1. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 – Paul appealed that there be no _____ among them, but for Christians to be _____ in the _____ mind and judgment.
2. John 17:20-23 - _____ prayed that His _____ all be _____, just as He and the _____ were one.
3. Ephesians 4:3-6 – We must be _____ to maintain the _____ of the Spirit in the bond of _____.

B. Can perfect unity exist among people of various backgrounds?

1. Jude 3 – We are to _____ for the _____ that was once for _____ delivered to the saints.
2. Revelation 22:18,19 – It is a dangerous thing to _____ to or _____ from the words of this _____.

C. People all over the world can make the same _____ model if they follow the same _____.

Do we seek to honor _____ with our faith, or to _____ ourselves?

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