

NAMES FOR US AS INDIVIDUALS

INTRODUCTION - these words describe our relationship to one another, or to God, or to our task in Christian living.

1. (Acts 11:26) "... and the **disciples** were called Christians first at Antioch."

"Disciple" - learner, student, imitator of the Master, follower.
(Matt. 10:1 and 11:1; John 8:31; Acts 9:1; Acts 20:7)

2. (1 Tim. 4:12) "... but be thou an example of the **believers** ... "

"Believer" - to have been persuaded; trusting; yielding; obedient; commitment.
(Acts 2:44; Acts 5:14; Acts 8:12)

3. (1 Cor. 1:2) "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called to be **saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours."

"Saints" - sanctified; one who is set apart from the world in devotion to service to God; one appointed to a service designated by God; Christians.
The "saints" became such while living: (Acts 9:13, v32; Rms. 1:7; 2 Cor. 1:1; Eph. 4:12; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2)

4. (Rms. 12:4) "For as we have many **members** in one body ... "

(Col. 1:18) "And he is the head of the body, the church ... "
"Member" - one of the individuals composing a group; belong to; one of the whole.

5. (1 John 3:1-2) "Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the **sons of God** ... Beloved, now we are the **sons of God** ... "

"Sons" - in the family; one of the children.
(Romans 8:14-17; Gal. 3:26-27; Eph. 5:1)

6. (Matt. 23:8) "But be ye not called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are **brethren**." (v9) "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

7. (Acts 11:26) "... and the disciples were called **Christians** first at Antioch"

"Christian" - to be Christ-like.
This is a God-appointed name: (Isa. 55:5; Isa. 62:2; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16)