

What is a Christian?

When people are asked this question, they give a wide variety of responses. A Christian is someone who... belongs to a Christian Church, or takes communion, or has been baptized, or believes the Bible, or has been confirmed, or follows the Golden Rule, or is an American! When we at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church use the term Christian, we are referring to *someone who trusts in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.*

“Savior” implies that we need to be “saved” or rescued from something. That “something” is sin. Sin involves everything that separates us from one another and from God. It involves our thoughts and words as well as our actions. Sin can be found within each one of us and is so deeply rooted that we are unable to take care of the problem on our own, in spite of all our self-help books, education, therapy, and attempts to will ourselves to better personality and behavior. We need help. We need a Savior.

The Good News is that God has provided us with one! Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, lived and died to provide forgiveness for our sins and to give us power over sin in our lives. Christians trust in the work God has done on our behalf. We trust in Jesus as our Savior.

We also trust him as our Lord. A “Lord” is someone who has ultimate authority over our lives. As God, Jesus has that authority. We entrust our lives to him as his followers or disciples. We acknowledge his rightful authority over our lives.

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