

Solution to Study 0094

1. What is the one most critical identifier of a person who is a Christian? (**Romans 8:1-9; John 7:37-39; 14:16-17**)
The Holy Spirit in the person is the most critical identifier of who a Christian is; without the Holy Spirit, a person is not a Christian!
2. In addition to the above, what are the other identifiers or markers of who a Christian truly is?
 - (a) **John 1:12-13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23**
There is the physical evidence that the new or spiritual birth has taken place—one born from above, not of blood, neither of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man!
 - (b) **Genesis 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 4:17-24; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 12:2**
He is one who has been called out of the world, separated from the flesh, and delivered from sin, and all that that represents, unto God and all that He stands for.
 - (c) **1 Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:7**
He has been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and as such belongs one hundred percent to Him!
 - (d) **1 John 3:4-10; Romans 6:1-7**
He does not and cannot knowingly commit sin.
 - (e) **Romans 6:15-22; 2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 2:19-20**
He is dead to the influence of sin in his life, and now lives solely for God.
 - (f) **Luke 14:25-27; John 3:1-9; 7:32, 45-51; 19:38-42**
He has counted the cost of being a Christian, and has resolved never to return to the world, to fleshly living, and sinful living, even though it may cost him everything that he was and possessed! Nicodemus is an example of such a person.
 - (g) **1 Peter 4:12-19; Romans 8:16-18**
He is willing and ready to suffer for Christ, and for the sake of the gospel.
 - (h) **Revelation 2:1-5; John 21:15-19; 1 John 2:15-16; James 4:4**
He has resolved to, and has actually left/forsaken all other loves and affections, and has only one love and affection—Jesus Christ!
 - (i) **Matthew 7:21-23; 21:28-31; 1 Peter 4:1-2**
One who is devoted and dedicated to doing the will of God.
 - (j) **Galatians 5:16-17, 25; Romans 8:14**
He is led by the Spirit of God, and he walks therein.
 - (k) **Galatians 5:19-24; 2 Peter 1:3-11**
He manifests the fruit of the Spirit in an ever increasing dimension; and not the works of the flesh, having crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts.
 - (l) **Luke 6:46; John 8:31; James 1:22-25**
He is not a hypocrite, but one who completely lives by the word of God.

CONCLUSION

Without the Holy Spirit you cannot be called a Christian in the true sense of the word. Indeed, without the Holy Spirit all the other markers of who a Christian truly is will either be impossible to attain, or, if it is ever observed, it will be fake, being done in human strength. Some have tried to live like a Christian, but have discovered that it is a very hard thing to do; so they try to imitate being one with very many frustrations along the way. This ought not to be so; for the necessary means to live the Christian life in this dark world is abundantly available to all them who believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation! We conclude therefore, that everything you are, and can be, as a Christian, is because of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you!