

Title: Called a Christian

Text: (2 Chron 7:14)

Called by His name:

(Acts 11:26) Christians 1st @ Antioch ~ *Christ-Like*

Called by His name - means to Identify with Him:

more than *just in name only*. (1 Peter 2:9-10)

I. To be called by His name means to be Identified as His by Embodying His Character: (Phil 2:2-8)

He takes up residence in us at Salvation and want to live through us. (Gal 2:20)(1 Cor 3:16)

Camouflage: What is the purpose of camouflage?

Does God want us to blend in to our surroundings?

(John 17:11) *but these are in the world!*

A. **We are not to blend in to our Surroundings.**
(Rom 12:2)

B. **The League of Closet Christians:**

- a. **Nicodemas:** Jn 3:1-2
- b. **Joseph of Arimathea:** Jn 19:38
- c. **Rulers of the Jews:** Jn 12:42
- d. **Parents of the healed blind man.** Jn 9:22
- e. **How bout you?** Do your friends know?

II. What is the purpose of Being Peculiar

A. **An Opportunity to Bring God Glory:** (Mt 5:14-16)

B. **To Be Ambassadors:** (2 Cor 5:20) (Jn 20:21c)

What do others see? (Gal 3:27) (John 12:20-21)

To let Christ shine through them. (Matt 5:16)

God knew what kind of world you were going to live in

(2 Cor 6:4) *approving ourselves as the ministers of God.*

in much patience,

in afflictions,

in necessities, the state of being in great need.

in distresses, overcome by harassment, Mental Suffering

In stripes, Physical Punishments for a person's beliefs

in imprisonments,

in tumults, Loud, angry mob or commotion.

in labours, Working hard with no recognition or reward.

In watchings, Sleeplessness –

In fastings, self affliction for spiritual improvement

BUT HOW?(Rom 12:21)(2 Cor 6:6-10)

By pureness, *thoughts, actions, motives*

By knowledge, *Reading the bible & applying God's wisdom*

By longsuffering, Love people more (1 Pet 4:8)

By kindness,

By the Holy Ghost Yielding control to the Spirit, not Flesh

By love unfeigned: Real love, (1 Pet 1:22)

By the word of truth, (Heb 4:12)

By the power of God, (Zec 4:6)

By the armour of righteousness

By honour and dishonour,

By evil report and good report:

As deceivers, and yet true; (1 Pet 2:12)

As unknown, and yet well known; (Eph 6:8).

As dying, and, behold, we live; (Psa 116:15)(Phil 1:21) **As**

chastened, and not killed; (Heb 12:4-13)

As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; (Phil 4:4)

As poor, yet making many rich; (Lk 18:29-30)

As having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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It's Time to take back that title and make it mean what it was supposed to mean – ie. **Christ-Like**

What are we projecting in our daily lives?

Are you projecting Him now?

What do others see?