

First Words:

**1 Peter 3:15** - *But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect*

- Pluralism and the Christian Faith
- Deconstruction and the Christian Faith
- Unitarianism and the Christian Faith

The \_\_\_\_\_ for Followers of Jesus Christ

**1 Corinthians 3:11** - *For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

**Colossians 2:6–7** - *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

1. Jesus Christ is a real historical figure. As followers of Jesus Christ we are caught up with who Jesus is, what Jesus taught. and what Jesus did as revealed in the New Testament. These three components are inseparable.

2. Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, that is to say God in the flesh, and the long-awaited Jewish Messiah

**John 5:18** - *This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.*

**John 10:30–31** - *I and the Father are one.” <sup>31</sup> The Jews picked up stones again to stone him.*

3. Jesus taught prescriptions and principles that are major cornerstones of our society

- Love your neighbor as yourselves – **Matthew 22:39**
- Do to others as you would have them do to you – **Matthew 7:12**
- Judge not that you be not judged – **Matthew 7:1**

4. Jesus healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, fed the multitudes and raised the dead. He himself was crucified on a cross for the sins of mankind and rose again after three days proving He was who he said he was and he did what he said he did

**Mark 10:33–34** - *Saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”*

**Mark 10:45** - *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

5. The New Testament is a historical document as well as a faith document. It contains eyewitness accounts of the life of Christ that are reliable.

**John 5:39** - *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...*

The \_\_\_\_\_ for Followers of Jesus Christ

1. Our faith journey is not about \_\_\_\_\_ but about a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ

**Acts 25:18–19** - *When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. <sup>19</sup> Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive.*

2. Our faith journey is not about unproveable \_\_\_\_\_ but provable \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 15:3–5** - *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

**Acts 1:3** - He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

3. Our faith journey is not about only subjective \_\_\_\_\_ but also objective \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Peter 1:16 & 19** - For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ...And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

4. Our faith journey is not about one path of \_\_\_\_\_ but of one path that is the one and \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 4:12** - And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

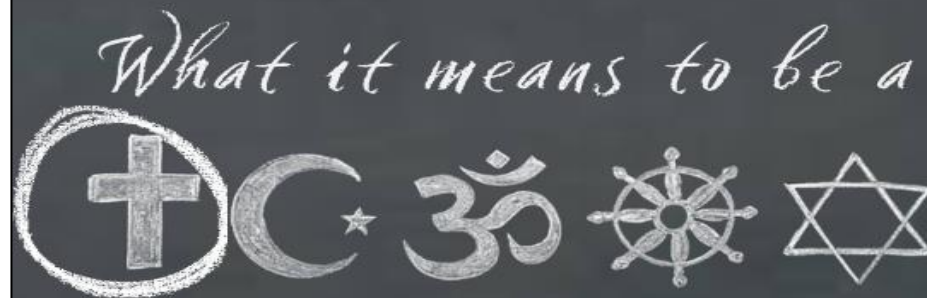
5. Our faith journey is not about \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ with a twist – The \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 28:19** - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

The \_\_\_\_\_ for the followers of Jesus Christ

**John 1:11–13** - He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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What it means to be a  
**FOLLOWER OF  
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