**BECOMING A DISCIPLE OF JESUS**

We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

Ever try to put together something from the store that needs assembling? Or you try to do it without reading the directions? Most of the time, the instructions are confusing, there are missing parts, or the parts just do not fit together correctly.

Becoming a Christian, a child of God, a Disciple of Jesus Christ is not like that:

**(1) It is Not Confusing / (2) It is Not Hard/ (3) It Is The Same For Everyone**

John the Baptist prepared the way (**Mark 1:4-5, Luke 3:21-22, 7:24-30, John 3:22-23, 4:1-2**)

Examples of folks becoming Christians, Children of God, Disciples of Jesus:

**Acts 2:36-42, 46-47** – Jews on Pentecost

**Acts 8:4-13, 26-39** – Samaritans, Ethiopian)

**Acts 9:1-18, 22:12-16** – Murderer and Apostle

**Acts 10:34-35, 44-48, 11:12-17** – Gentiles, Household of Cornelius

**Acts 13:12** – Proconsul

**Acts 16:13-15, 25-33** – Woman (Lydia) and Jailer, both of Philippi and both Households

**Acts 18:8** – Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue

***\*All became disciples of Jesus and were saved in the same way! Jews, Samaritans, Ethiopians, sinners, rulers, Gentiles, households, women, and common folks were all told to do something that was (1) not confusing, (2) was not hard to understand, and (3) was consistently the same for all! One is saved from their sins in the same way today!***

No matter your background, nationality, or social status:

**GOD WANTS YOU & YOU NEED HIM! (Acts 17:26-27)**

Maybe some in our audience tonight need to consider carefully whether you need to be saved from your sins! Belief is involved, Confession is involved, Repentance is involved, being Baptized is involved, and growing in the Lord is involved (**Matthew 28:18-20,** **Galatians 3:26-29, 2 Peter 3:17-18**). Same message for all! Why not be saved from your sins just like they were saved in the book of Acts?

We invite all in our audience to our Bible studies on Wednesday at 7pm and Sunday morning at 9am. We would love to study God’s together with you! Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; [larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com), [murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com); (865) 693-1416

We plan to have a re-airing of this program next Monday, July 10, 2023. Our next live program is planned for August 7, 2023 when we plan to study “**What is the Kingdom of God?**” We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**