

# COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM  
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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## *The Correspondent*

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### What Is a Christian?

-Bob Prichard

**T**he prophet Isaiah looked to the coming Messianic age and said, “For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name” (Isaiah 62:1-2). “Christian” is that new name God promised to his people. After the gospel had spread from the Jewish world to the Gentile world as well, the church in Antioch took a lead in mission efforts. Because of this “the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

The name of “Christian,” found only three times in the New Testament, is a descriptive name that conveys the idea of association and ownership, that the Christian belongs to and associates with Christ. Peter said, “if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Peter 4:16). “Christian” is a name to be treasured, even if it means suffering and death. The Christian belongs to Christ and wants to serve Him.

As Paul pleaded for Agrippa to follow Christ, Agrippa replied, “Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28). If Agrippa had been altogether persuaded “to be a Christian,” he would have become a child of God, a member of the Lord’s church, and one born again of the water and the Spirit (John 3:3-5).

Several names, including “the church” described the disciples or followers of Christ before they were called Christians. Luke writes of the believers in Jerusalem that “the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). Thus those who had obeyed Peter’s command of Acts 2:38, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,” were the saved, and members of the church. Paul reminded the Romans what they had done to become Christians. “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Romans 6:3-6). *Continues on page 2*

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July 22, 9:00 AM

Apron Brigade



July 26

10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Backpack of School Supplies Giveaway



*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8*

## Thoughts from Peter

NOTES:

*What Is... continues*

As he described his conversion, Paul said of the church, "I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women" (Acts 22:4). Paul was persecuting people who knew that being a Christian was a way of life. As he told the Romans, "our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:6). The Christian, who has become a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17) no longer serves sin, but serves Christ. A Christian has obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and lives for Him daily.

- Bob Prichard serves as an elder and evangelist for the Hillview Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama. -Article obtained from bulletingold.com

## Worship Service

### Announcements

Song: 971 Restore My Soul

Song: 274 I Have Found a Friend in Jesus (Vs. 1, 3)

### Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

### Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 400 Living by Faith (Vs. 1, 3)

Song: 825 I Love My Savior, Too

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Peter 3:17 - 18

### Sermon

Song: 674 There's a Great Day Coming

Song: 315 I'll Live in Glory (Vs. 1, 3)

### Prayer

## 2 Peter 3:17 - 18

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GLORY  
SAVIOR  
THEREFORE

- <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;
- <sup>18</sup> but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

### Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*