

What is Christianity?

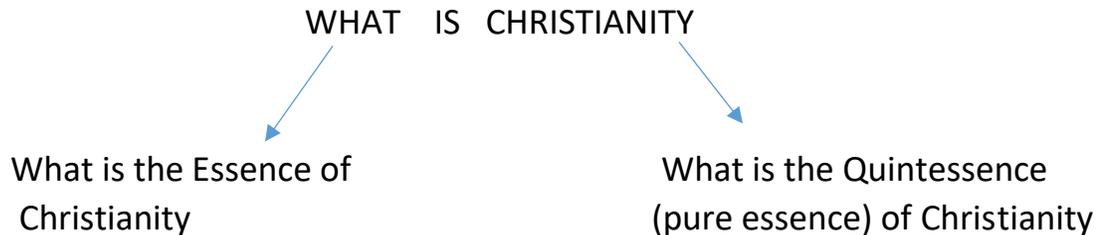
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1. To ask “what is Christianity” is the same as asking “what is the essence of Christianity”, or “what is the quintessence of Christianity”.



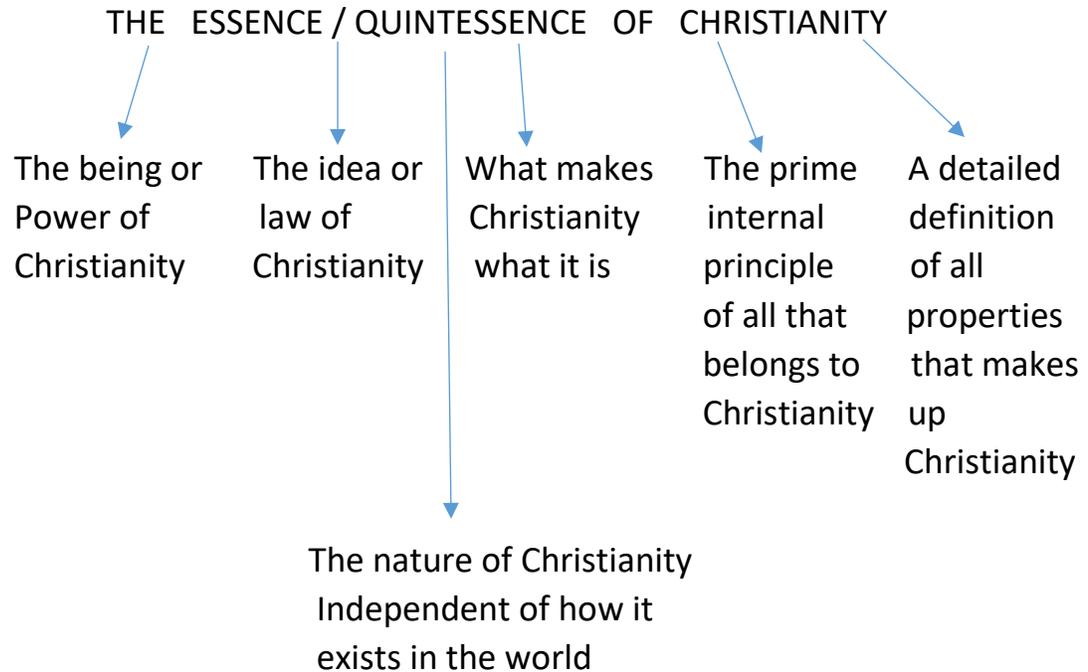
- a. In philosophy the word **essence** carries a number of **root meanings**. Here are some.

“The being or power of a thing...the idea or law of a thing...the being whereby a thing is what it is ...the primary internal principle of all that belongs to the being of a thing.” Dagobert D. Runes (editor), **Dictionary of Philosophy** p. 97.

“The essence of a thing is its nature considered independently of its existence...The definition details all properties making up the essence.” **Ibid**, p. 97.

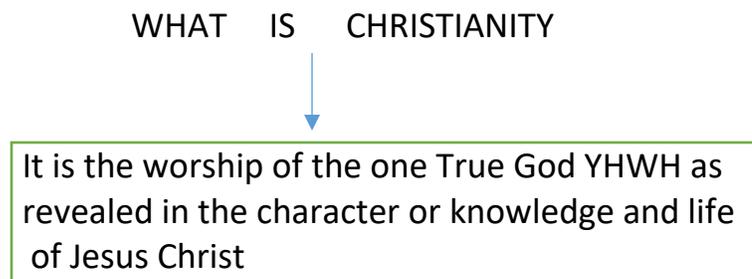
- b. Here is the definition of the word **quintessence**.

“...the purest, most highly concentrated form of a nature or essence...” **Ibid**, p 262.



c. Thus to answer the question of what is Christianity we are looking for a definition that will show Christianity according to its **essence** as defined by God Himself. (Rom 4:17).

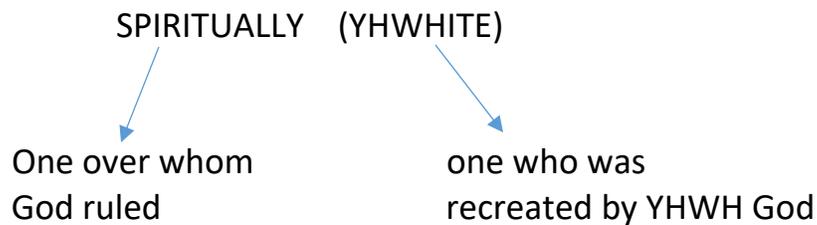
d. What is Christianity? It is the worship of the one true God as revealed in the revelation or Character of Jesus Christ. This is our thesis (Deut 6:4, 5; Matt 4:10).



2. To understand what Christianity is we need to first understand the meaning and sense of the word Christian (or Messiah).

a. God did identify Himself as **YHWH**, this is His special name (Isa 42:8).

- b. God is YHWH, YHWH is God (Ps 118:27; 1Kg 18:38, 39).
 - c. YHWH is the true God, He is God alone, and all the other gods are idols. The gods of the nations are idols, but YHWH made the earth and heavens (Jer 10:10, 11; Ps 96:4, 5).
3. Those whom God bore rule over spiritually were called **YHWHites**, such people were identified by God as **recreated** by Him (this is justification). (Isa 63:19; Isa 43:6, 7).

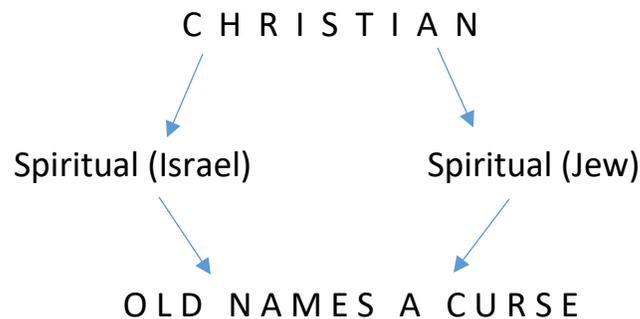


- a. An Israelite was a spiritual Israelite if he had a pure/clean heart (Ps 73:1).
- b. Jews were also **spiritual Jews** while physical Jews existed, if they repented of their sins and were converted (Est 8:17; Rom 2:28, 29).
- c. A **YHWHite** in the OT/FW was in reality a **Messianist** (Christian) because he worshipped YHWH as the Sent YHWH that was to be incarnated in a child of a virgin (Isa 48:12, 13, 16, 17; Isa 7:14; Isa 9:6).
- d. This Sent YHWH was also identified as the **Son of YHWH** and **His Anointed** (Messiah/Christ). (Ps 2:2, 6, 7, 12).

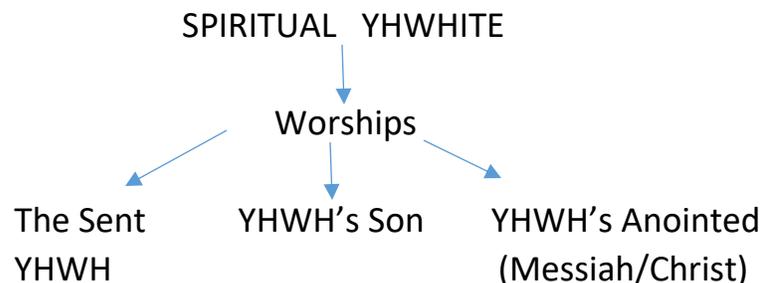


4. We are told that **YHWH's people** would be given a **new name** (Isa 62:2; Isa 56:5).

- a. It was later noted that the disciples were **with Christ**, from this, God gave them the name **Christian** (Messianists) (Acts 4:13).
- b. Thus the followers of **God in Christ** were called **Christians** (Messianists) eventually. (2Cor 5:19; Acts 11: 26).
- c. In the SW/NT, **conversion** meant becoming a **Christian** (Acts 26:27, 28).
- d. “Christian” eventually became the **new name** of the follower of **YHWH who was sent**, thus the name Christian replaced the names **Israelite** or **Jew**, that later through the **reproach** became a curse (Jam 2:7; Isa 65:1, 12-15; Jeer 6:10).
- e. Thus by **spiritual definition**, an **Israelite** really became a **Christian**, and a **Jew** was really a **Christian**, but the real **new name** was **Christian**”. (Ps 73:1; Est 8:17; Gal 6:15, 16; Rom 2:26-29; 1Pet 4:16).

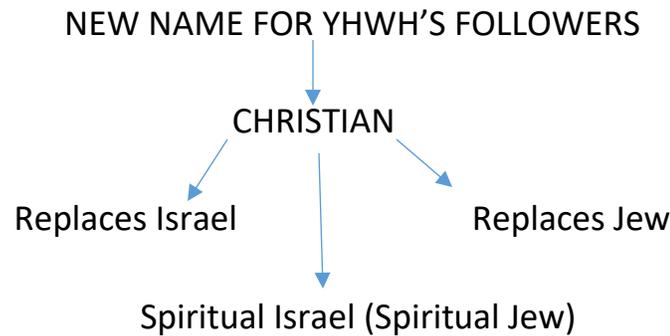


- f. A **spiritual YHWHite**, because he worships the **Sent YHWH** who is **YHWH's Son** and **Anointed** (Messiah/Christ), is in reality a **Christian** (Isa 63:19; Isa 48:12,13,16,17' Ps 2:2,6,7,12; 1Pet 4:16).

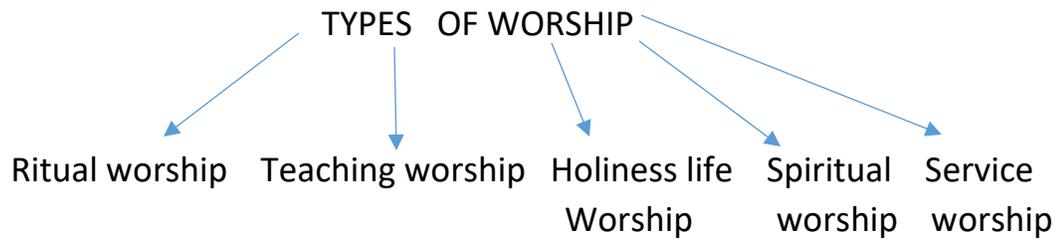


THIS IS A CHRISTIAN

- g. Thus the **new name** for YHWH's followers is Christian and it replaces the names Israel and Jew, although Christians are spiritual Israel and spiritual Jew.



5. In the Bible, the real issue in **servicing** God is **worship**. Here is what we are told about this.
- a. All the following scriptures presents **worship** as the thing of absolute value for a follower of God (Jn 4:21-24; Neh 9:3; Jer 16:11; Ps 81:9,10; 1Thes 2:4; Rev 4:10; Rev 5:14; Rev 7:11; Rev 13:4,8,12,15; Rev 14:7,9,11; Rev 15:4; Rev 16:2; Rev 19:4,10,20; Rev 20:4; Rev 22:8,9).
6. There are different types of **worship** presented in the Bible. Here are we are shown.
- a. **Ritual worship** (Ps 95:6; 1Cor 14:25).
- b. **Teaching worship** (Matt 15:9).
- c. **Holiness life worship** (Ps 29:2).
- d. **Spiritual worship** (Jn 4:21-24; Phil 3:3).
- e. **Service worship** (Matt 4:10; Deut 29:26; Jer 22:9; Rom 1:25).



7. It is **God – YHWH only** that all the world should **worship**.
 - a. Jesus told that to the devil (Matt 4:10).
 - b. John was told that it God that should be worshipped (Rev 22:8, 9).
 - c. All the world is to worship before God (Ps 86:9).

8. The world is generally **ignorant** of God, the world **does not know God** (1Cor 1:21; Rom 1:21-23).

9. Jesus came to **reveal God** (Jn 1:18).

10. Jesus is the **only revelation of God**, and no one would know God except for Him (Matt 11:27).

11. Thus **to know God** to **worship** Him, we need the revelation that Jesus is. Thus Christians worship God as is revealed in Jesus Christ. (2Jn 9; 1Jn 5:20, 21).

12. Jesus is the revelation of YHWH God, the Father, because it is only through Christ that we can come unto God or know God. (Jn 14:4-11).

13. Life is a **knowledge of God** as is revealed in Christ; by coming to give us **Life**. He came to give to us a **knowledge of God** as is revealed in Christ (Jn 17:3; Jn 10:10, 11).

14. Again, this is God in Christ, the true God, which we receive in eternal life (1Jn 5:20).

YHWH REVEALED IN CHRIST



ETERNAL LIFE

15. Thus what is Christianity; it is YHWH the one true God revealed in Jesus Christ and thus worshipped by Christians (those who accept Him)

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY



It is the worship of the only True God and Creator YHWH as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

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