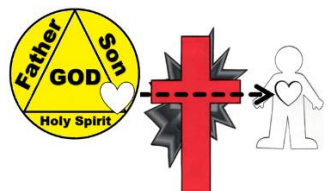
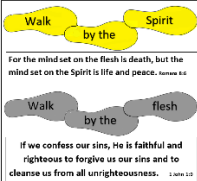


What does it mean to be a Christian?
To answer this question, we have to begin with God...

VISUAL	THE MAIN TRUTH	Verse-ESV
	In the beginning was God. God created the heavens and the earth.	Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
	God exists in 3 persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is love and God loves you.	John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
	All people have inherited sin and are born separated from God. Sin is anything that doesn't please God.	Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
	The consequence of sin is death. Death is separation from God. Since God loves all people, He does not want anyone to be separated from Him.	Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
	For this reason, Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus said that He is the only way to God.	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.
	But...He didn't stay dead! He came back to life on the third day.	1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
	Then, Jesus went back up to heaven.	Acts 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
	The gift that God wants to give is eternal life with Him.	Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
...believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved... - Acts 16:31	If you believe in Jesus, you will be saved.	Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...
	Since God is righteous, He gives us His righteousness when we believe in Him. Look! Now the hearts match! However, did you notice that the dark heart doesn't go away when a person believes in Jesus? As long as we are in this body, there is still a possibility for a Christian to sin and do bad things.	John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
	Even believers must choose every day to follow God's way or go our own way. And that is what it means to be a Christian.	Romans 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.