

## **You Can Just Be A Christian...**

Do you want a refreshing idea? You can just be a Christian ... nothing more nor less than a Christian? Yes, even in the midst of the religious confusion of our creed-bound, denomination-divided age, it is possible for you to be just a plain Christian!

*What does it mean to be just a Christian?* Well, being a Christian means so much more than merely being a good moral person... more than just going to church on Sunday... more than giving mental assent to certain beliefs... more than having one's name on a church roll.

*Being just a Christian means trusting and obeying Jesus Christ* just as Paul and Philip and the early Christians did in the first century after Christ. It means going back beyond all the distinctive Catholic and Protestant doctrines of today to find Christ just as He is revealed in the inspired New Testament. You see, there were no different denominations in the beginning of Christianity. The early disciples were all *one body*. They were called simply "Christians" (Acts 11:26). They did not follow different creeds but were guided by "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The New Testament, first as the spoken word and later as written down by "holy men of God" as they were guided by the Holy Spirit, was their only rule of faith and practice (2 Peter 1:21). We have this same New Testament today and can reproduce the same pure Christianity that flourished in the first century after Christ. *We can be just plain Christians!*

To find out the details of just how you may become and remain a Christian only like Peter, Barnabas and Aquilla, you'll need to open your New Testament and discover for yourself. We suggest that you begin with the Acts of the Apostles. You will find that Jesus built only one church, and God added everyone who obeyed the gospel of Christ to this undenominational church, the body of Christ (Matthew 16:18) (Acts 2:47). The Bible teaches that you will be added to this same body today when you believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son, repent of your sins and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Why not become just a Christian and worship and work in a non-denominational? Where did you say? It's the church of Christ that meets in your local community. Go ahead, you will be glad that you did.