

## What Are You?

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### **Ready:**

*"Summoning the crowd along with His disciples, He said to them, 'If anyone wants to be My follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.'" -Mark 8:34*

### **Set**

One of the common questions posed to sports fans is, "Who do you follow?" Most people answer with a city, school or mascot: "I'm a Denver fan." "I follow the University of North Carolina." "I'm a Hoosier." No matter how you phrase it, we all follow one team or another. This applies to our lives in Christ as well.

It is not uncommon today to hear believers ask, "What are you?" Some say, "I am a Baptist." Others claim to be Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic and so on.

This has always disturbed me. I am proud of my Christian upbringing and the denominational truths that I have learned over the years, but when I accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of my life, I committed to Him. I didn't commit to some set of religious traditions or legalistic dos and don'ts.

In the Team FCA Competitor's Creed, I read, "I am a Christian first and last . . ." So when people ask me today what I am spiritually, I simply tell them that I am a Christian who happens to attend a Bible church. Jesus Christ is Who we are and should be. I am His!

Please do not misunderstand; I am not bashing your denominational preference. But do understand that the denomination in which you have been raised is nothing without the relationship you can have—and need to have—with Jesus Christ.

If you want to get caught up in anything, get caught up in the doctrine of Jesus Christ and His Word. To find out more, go to your Bible and begin to read more about Him!

So . . . What are you? As for me and my household, we tell others, "I am a Christian first and last!" I hope you can say that, too!

### **Go**

1. Who or what do you follow?
2. Are you caught up in the dos and don'ts of your faith, or are you caught up in Jesus Christ?
3. Do you know how to begin being who you really are in Him? (If not, please let us know! We will always point you to the cross of Christ!)

### **Workout**

Joshua 24:15; Psalms 111:9-11; John 14:6

## Overtime

*Father, thank You for Your Son. Help me today to find my identity solely in Him.*

## Bible Reference:

John 14



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