

WHAT IT
MEANS TO BE A

CHRISTIAN

THE TEST FOR TRUTH

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viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.”

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“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

*“If a person
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