

# Christ and The Christian

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In the Holy Bible, God is seen as three persons in one: God the Father, God the Son - Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit. As a Christian, we should see God the Father as our perfect parent who constantly watches over us and loves us unconditionally, Jesus Christ as our caring big brother who sacrificed His life for us, and the Holy Spirit as our constant companion who we can trust with our life forever.

Throughout our life, as a Christian, we realize that God is always with us and will never leave us. He is always by our side, guiding, leading, protecting, teaching and loving us. I believe that God's greatest desire for us is for us to develop a close personal relationship with Him. Since He is always with us and ready to listen to us, it is up to us to communicate with Him every day and develop that relationship.

When Jesus came to Earth (God in human form) to live among mankind over 2000 years ago, He was also known as Immanuel which means "God with us." Before Jesus left His earthly life, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to indwell believers. As Christians we understand that when we are saved, the Holy Spirit enters our body to dwell alongside our spirit.

We often see a symbol for Jesus Christ, called an Ichthys or Ichthus, which resembles the profile of a fish. It consists of an upside-down arc and a right-side-up arc touching each other at one end (forming the mouth end), but the ends on the other end extend beyond their meeting point to resembling the fish's tail.

Yesterday I drew a large Ichthys fish figure then drew another smaller fish figure in the center of the oval of the larger fish. It reminded me of the love of a parent wanting their child to obey them and to stay close by their side so they could take care of that child, and the trust and comfort the child felt as it stayed close to and admired and appreciated their parent.

It then also reminded me of Christ and the Christian. Christ is the larger fish who is always at the side of the Christian – the smaller fish. The word Christian means "someone who follows Christ" or "belonging to Christ". So, what better way to depict a Christian's life than to see them in a close personal relationship with Christ, trusting and obeying Him, and desiring to be like Christ and to be taken care of by Christ all of their life.

So, the next time you see this simple fish symbol of Jesus Christ, picture yourself as a smaller fish symbol, made in His image, who needs to stay close to Christ so you can develop a loving, trusting relationship with Him so God can take care of you throughout your life.