

The Heidelberg Catechism

32. But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ¹ and thus a partaker of His anointing,² in order that I also may confess His Name,³ may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him,⁴ and with a free conscience may fight against sin and the devil in this life,⁵ and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.⁶

¹ Acts 11:26; 1 Cor 12:12-27; 1 Jn 2:20, 27; ² Joel 2:28 [Acts 2:17]; 1 Jn 2:27; ³ Mk 8:38, 10:32; Rom 10:9-10; Heb 13:15; ⁴ Rom 12:1; 1 Pt 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6, 5:8, 10; ⁵ Gal 5:16-17; Eph 6:11; 1 Tim 1:18-19; ⁶ Mt 25:34; Eph 6:12; 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 3:21