

have a periodical amongst us or not. Most of the other denominations exhibit a laudable and praiseworthy zeal in supporting their various organs. They know the influence of the religious press in supporting and advancing the cause of truth. Let us imitate their example. We have existed now for a considerable length of time as a separate and distinct denomination, yet notwithstanding our principles and views are scarcely known beyond our immediate vicinity. This is the consequence of not having a paper established amongst us in the South. Now, we have a favorable opportunity. Let us not neglect it. We possess all the requisite means, and under the blessing of God, can right ourselves before the world, and can take our true position among the churches of the day. If we are not wanting to ourselves, and recreant to the religious principles we hold, we should put forth all our energies and concentrate all our efforts in the support of the Christian Sun.

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CHRISTIAN.

The meaning of the word Christian is a follower of Christ. They who embrace the opinions and sentiments of others, and look up to them for direction and instruction in any of the arts and sciences, or in any of the systems of religion which have obtained footing in the world, are properly their disciples; and are generally distinguished by certain distinctive and appropriate names, descriptive of such discipleship and adherence to particular systems. Hence, the followers of Pythagoras and Plato are denominated Pythagoreans and Platonists, and the followers of Mahomet, Mahometans, after their several masters. And hence the followers of Christ are called Christians, after Christ their master. And it should be considered a matter of no little importance to the followers of Christ, to be distinguished by no other title than that of Christian, as a name every way suitable to their holy profession, and as entirely adapted to their peculiar circumstances, as being the disciples of him who has said his kingdom is not of this world. If this name, as we believe, be of Divine appointment, it very forcibly occurs, that no option is left to the disciple of Christ as to the choice of names. He must take that name which his Master has given, and with his consent be called by no other. His enemies, by way of derision, may stigmatise him by any epithet they may think proper to use. But for himself, let him rejoice and not be ashamed to suffer as a christian. There is something strange in the idea, that the disciples of Christ should consent to be