

Who are the Christadelphians?

The Christadelphians are a small body of believers whose aim is to adhere as strictly as possible to the word of God as shown in the Bible. We claim to have identical beliefs to the early Christian believers of the first century.

In the year 1455, Johann Gutenberg was the first to print Bible using moveable type and so began a revolution in the study of the Bible, which was then made available to ordinary people.

Over the centuries, groups of individuals read their Bibles and many were convinced that they had re-discovered Bible truths that had been concealed by the church, such as that concerning adult baptism. It wasn't long before the traditional church reacted, often with brutal persecution, to crush this new movement.

However, Bible Truth survived and has spread throughout the world, despite all efforts to keep it concealed.

In the year 1865, John Thomas, an Englishman who had moved to the United States, helped a group of "baptised believers" to obtain exemption from military service during the American civil war. The group needed a name by which to be known, so the name "Christadelphian" [i.e. Christ's brothers] came into existence, based on the Greek word for brother - "adelphos", and the name of Christ.

These people believed that their study of the Bible had resulted in an understanding of God's Truth - the same Truth that had been taught by Jesus and his apostles.

Today, they meet under the same name, with the same belief in the same Bible Truth and are waiting for the return of Christ to the earth and the judgment that will follow. Their hope is that, with God's grace, they will be granted a place in the Kingdom of God to be established on the earth.

Christadelphians do not have any clergy, paid or unpaid. They are an entirely lay group of believers whose aim is to study and adhere to the commandments of Christ and the apostles. They meet in groups called "ecclesias", a word which means in the original Greek "an assembly" or "congregation". They meet every first day of the week for a Memorial Meeting to worship God and to remember the death and resurrection of Christ in the emblems of his love, the bread and wine.

Some beliefs of the Christadelphian are as follows:

THE BIBLE: It is the inspired and infallible Word of God, the only dependable source for the saving Truth of the Gospel.

2 Timothy 3:15-17; Isaiah 8:20

GOD: There is one God, the Father and Creator of all things, dwelling in the heavens. He is immortal, and all wise, filling all space by His spirit. He has revealed His divine will and purpose with mankind and with the earth, in the Bible.

Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; 2 Peter 1:21

HOLY SPIRIT: This is the Power of God. God gave some believers in the first century the power of the Holy Spirit to be used for special purposes. These miraculous gifts of the Spirit were withdrawn in accordance with 1 Corinthians 13:6-10. Psalm 104:30; Acts 2:4

JESUS CHRIST: Son of God and Son of Man. He was conceived by the action of God's Holy Spirit on Mary, a virgin. He was human like us all. Jesus had no existence before his birth, although destined to fulfill God's purpose. He was put to death on the cross as a sacrifice for sin, both for himself and those he came to save. Because of his life of perfect obedience he was raised from the dead to immortality. This provides forgiveness for all those who believe in him. Isaiah 53:1-12; Luke 1:30-35; Acts 2:22-24;

These are just a few of the fundamental beliefs of Christadelphians.

This series of pamphlets will give you an overview of most of the beliefs of the Companion Christadelphians.

Note: all quotes are from the King James Version of the Bible.