What are Christian Values?

Bible Summary. Christian values are based on God and the work of Jesus Christ. The most important Christian value is for a Christian to just value God more than anything, anybody, or any idea. Christian values are based on spiritual things versus material things. Even though Christian values are spiritual in nature, the evidence of these values come through deeds and actions. Core Christian values include hope, righteousness, love, and putting God first in our lives (humility, godliness, and so on). See below for Biblical commentary and scriptures on Christian values.

Christian Value: Value God

A core Christian value is having God first in our lives. This means continuously seeking His righteousness and totally relying on Him. As humans we have the freedom of choice to decide what is right and what is wrong, but if we value God we will look to Him for what is right and wrong. Most of us have the resources and means to take care of ourselves, but if we value God we will rely on Him to take care of our needs. We value God when we acknowledge that He knows better than we do on what we need in our lives. See our Biblical Series on God's Divine Nature for more commentary on the Christian value of honoring God first in our lives. See Matthew 6:33 Commentary for more advice to seek God and value God above all things.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Christian Value: Hope

Hope is a core Christian value. A Christian's hope is based on Jesus Christ's promises that He can redeem mankind and provide mankind eternal life. The Christian value of hope enables a Christian to be patient and persevere even though Jesus' promises of eternal life are unseen and unrealized in this present time. See our Biblical Series on Hope and Trust for more commentary on the Christian value of hope. See Romans 8:24 Commentary for more advice to place our hope in God and not in material things.

Romans 8:24, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"
Christian Value: Righteousness

Righteousness is a core Christian value. When a Christian accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, he or she is now in right standing with God. They are a “new man”. A Christian is now set-aside for God to be holy and righteous. Righteousness becomes more and more precious as a Christian grows in his or her love of God. A Christian seeks to do God's will and do what is right in God's eyes because he or she desires to strengthen their relationship with God. See our Biblical Series on Righteousness for more commentary on the Christian value of righteousness. See Ephesians 4:24 Commentary for more advice to value righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:24, "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Christian Value: Love

Love is a core Christian value. Christian love is called “agape” love which means unmerited favor. Christians realize this type of love through God. Because of God's unmerited favor and grace, He offers all of mankind eternal life through Jesus Christ. This is true love that comes from God. Christians in turn value God's love and have a desire to provide this Godly love of unmerited favor to others. See our Biblical Series on Love for more commentary on the Christian value of love. See Jude 21 Commentary for more advice to value Godly love.

Jude 21, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."