

Chapter E: Early Christians Plant the Seeds

Who Am I?

Using what you learned from this chapter, identify the six Christians below.

1. I was the first deacon and the first Christian martyr.

My name is _____.



2. I used to seek out and persecute the “followers of the Way” until God spoke to me on my way to Damascus. Then I became a significant leader of the Church.

My name is _____.



3. After Pentecost, I became the spokesperson for the Apostles. In fact, I am often considered to be the first pope.

My name is _____.



4. I am the theologian who said, “The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 852).

My name is _____.



5. I am a Christian writer who introduced the word *catholic* to describe the Church throughout the entire world. Eventually I was killed for my faith.

My name is:



6. I was martyred with my dear friend Felicity. My father tried to convince me to deny Christ, but I couldn't deny the one whom I love more than anything.

My name is _____.



A Message of Hope

After you have identified each person in numbers 1–6, decode the verse below. Do this by looking at the symbols under the letters of the names in numbers 1–6 and matching them with the symbols below.

For example, if a □ appears under every s above, write an s wherever you see a □ below.

“ _____ m _____
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_____ d _____
✨ ○ † ◆ ★ 🌐 ⌘ ☺ ★ † ◆ 🌐 □ ★

w _____ b _____ v _____ m _____
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w _____ v _____ v _____
 ⌘ 🌐 🌐 🌐 ⌘ ★ ★ v ★ ○

_____ y _____ d _____.”
† ◆ 🌐 ⚙ 🖐 ◆ † ◆ ★ ⌘ ★

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