

## Chameleon Christians

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are far more successful than they ever intended. In convincing some that they are of the world, they also convince God! They forget that by walking in darkness with the world they sever their fellowship with God (**1 Jn. 1:6**). The name and claim may not change, but the chameleon Christian soon becomes the chameleon worldling — a sinner who sometimes seeks to pass himself off as a Christian.

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**Editor's Note:** Dan Shipley was a faithful Christian, excellent gospel preacher, a personal friend and a sometimes golfing partner. I think he would qualify as a "Texas preacher" for I never knew him to live and preach outside of Texas. He was a down-to-earth person who loved life, played football with the famed Doak Walker at SMU, and whose sons and grandsons also played college football. He loved a good joke and sometimes played them on his friends. But he could also take a good joke, like the time he accidentally hit his golf ball up into a tree limb where a squirrel was unfortunately sunning himself and **killed** the poor thing! Not only did his playing partners tease him about that for the rest of his life, but an artist drew a painting of the fateful event!

But above all, Dan was a *faithful* Christian. He was not a **chameleon** Christian! I'm sure he attended many sporting banquets in his time, and I feel certain that he observed a few chameleon Christians because he describes them so well. But he loved the Lord more, and never denied His Savior in word or deed. With these words I commend Dan's article to you for your consideration. The temptation to "hide" your Christian life was a danger in the Lord's day, in Dan Shipley's day, and in our day. Be true to the Lord in word and deed.

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