

## “The Christian Life”

### Lesson #39

1. Christianity is a life to be LIVED, a CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT of the new life in Christ.
2. The Christian life is not ISOLATION from the world but rather a getting out INTO the world to show the STANDARDS of Christ. John 17:14-19
3. By the way we LIVE OUR LIVES others should be able TO SEE CHRIST.
4. A Christian is called to be a SAINT which means we have been saved and SET APART for Him. Romans 1:7; 2 Corinthians 1:1
5. Christianity is not something ONLY to be accepted intellectually but rather something that CHANGES THE HEART.
6. Christianity is a positive DEDICATION OF every phase of a life to CHRIST.
7. Christianity is a decision of the FREEWILL of man which includes REPENTANCE. Luke 13:3-5
8. Christianity is TURNING FROM the old life and TURNING TO a new life in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17
9. The Christian life is an OUTWARD evidence of an INWARD work of grace. Ephesians 2:8-10
10. The new life in Christ cannot be HID. When a person comes to Christ his FIRST NATURAL ACT is to tell others. The HEART believes, the MOUTH confesses. Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9 & 10
11. JESUS, not our fellow Christians, is the STANDARD for the Christian life. Philippians 1:27; 2:5 and 1 John 2:6
12. The Christian life should then BECOME THE STANDARD with we as Christians, the PATTERN to follow. Titus 2:7
13. The Christian is the LIGHT in the darkness of the WORLD’S SIN. Matthew 5:14-16; John 8:12; Ephesians 5:8-11
14. The Christian is also called SALT. Matthew 5:13
15. The purpose of salt is:
  - A. To IMPROVE the flavor
  - B. To be a PRESERVATIVE

16. The Christian is VICTORIOUS over sin. 1 John 5:4 and 5
17. The Christian should lead a LIFE OF JOY. Philippians 4:4
18. A Christian is to be TRANSFORMED. Romans 12:1 and 2
19. The Christian should be SEPARATED FROM the things of the world and SEPARATED TO God. 2 Corinthians 6:17; 1 John 2:15 & 16; 1 Thess. 3:13
20. The Christian is to KEEP HIMSELF CLEAN. James 1:27
21. The CHARACTER of the believer is PRODUCED by the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22 & 23
22. God's standard is PERFECTION, maturity, completeness. Matthew 5:48
23. The believer is to BEAR FRUIT. John 15:1-5; 20:21 & Matt. 28:19-20
24. We MAINTAIN in our Christian life with four things:
  - A. BIBLE STUDY Col. 1:10
  - B. PRAYER Phil. 4:6
  - C. Corporate WORSHIP Heb. 10:25
  - D. SERVICE Col. 3:23 & 24

### Conclusion

The Christian life is "Christ in you" (Colossians 1:27). When Christ is in a life, the "reasonable service" (Romans 12:1) (more literally, "logical ministry") is presented as a living sacrifice. A sacrifice is that which is totally devoted to God. The Holy Spirit renews the mind, making it possible for the believer to test, or prove, that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The Christian life is a positive walk of fellowship with God and His people. The pleasures of sin are replaced with the things of God. With Christ as Lord, the Holy Spirit indwelling the believer and God as Father, the things of this earth grow very dim. The Christian life becomes a positive, joyful walk with the Lord. It is not a negative creed filled with legalism. Jesus said, "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36