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The Christian Life

The Christian system divides itself into three parts:

1. the doctrine
2. the worship
and 3. the moral life

The life includes

1. blessings
2. privileges
and 3. obligations

Christian character and fellowship with God is the result toward which the doctrine and worship are aimed.

This lesson concerns itself with the life of the Christian. Everyone who obeys the gospel is to grow in the likeness of Christ and toward the perfections of God.

I.) The Christian life is a life of Faith and Trust.

A.) 1.) Rom 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have <u>peace with God</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have <u>access by faith</u> into this grace wherein we stand, and <u>rejoice in hope</u> of the glory of God.

2.) II Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

3.) Heb 10:37-39 pg 251

1.) Heb 10:36 patience

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4.) I Pet 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5.) I Pet 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

a.) I PET 1:4

B.) The Christians hope and trust are in God.

1) I Tim 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.

2.) I Tim 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

3.) II Cor 1:9-10 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us.

II.) The Christian life is a life of Blessing and Privilege.

1.)
A.) I John 3:1-3 pg 266-7

a) The blessing and privilege of being called the sons of God.

2.) Rom 8:14-17 pg 178

a.) Being sons of God we are heirs with Christ.

1.) Gal 4:4-7 pg 214

B.) as a son, whose faith is in his Father, the Christian enjoys the privilege of prayer and petition to God.

1.) Matt 6:9 after this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

2.) Matt 7:7-12 pg 9 ask --- Seek --- Find --- Knock

3.) Phil 4:4-7 pg 224 Thanking God for everything.

4.) I Thess 5:16-18 Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

James 5:16 ..... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

5.) I Pet 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

c) The Christian has the assurance of God's continued care and presence, which enables him to face life with a sure, calm confidence.

1.) Heb 13:5-6 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

2.) James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

3.) I Pet 5:6-8 pg 262.

III.) As a child of God, the Christian's life must be One of Holiness and Right Conduct.

A.) 1.) Eph 5:1-2 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

a) The child of God is to be an imitator of God.

2.) This imitation is realized in following the steps of Christ.

a) John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

b.) I Pet 2:21-22 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Cease to do evil
Learn to do right.

grades in School - grades in heaven.

3.) God is the "child of God's" standard of perfection.

a.) Matt 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

4.) God is the standard of holiness.

Eph 5:4 2:19

a.) I Pet 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so ~~be~~ ye holy in all manner of conversation.

5.) God is the standard of purity.

a.) I John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

follow CHRIST'S EXAMPLE - RT HAND OF GOD

b.) God is a high and perfect standard that we ~~need~~ to follow.

B.) The child of God is sanctified, set apart, as a vessel to God's honor.

1.) I Cor 1:1-2 pg 187

2.) Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

3.) Eph 5:22-33 pg 220

C.) The child of God's body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

II Cor 6:16

1.) I Cor 6:19-20 what? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

2.) II Cor 6:16-18 pg 205

3.) II Cor 7:1 " ,6

a.) As his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the child of God is to perfect holiness in body and spirit.

IV.) Such an Ideal is Attained by Crucifixion of the Flesh; Following after the Spirit.

A.) The Christian has been born again; he has become a new creature.

1.) John 3:3-5 pg 106

2.) II Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

B.) The Christian must now put to death the deeds of the body, the old practices, and put on a new ~~creature~~ character.

1.) Col 3:5-17 pg 227

C.) There must be a crucifying of the flesh and its deeds.

1.) Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2.) Gal 5:24 and they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

3.) Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

D.) Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith.

1.) Eph 3:14-19 pg 218

2.) Col 1:26-27 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

V.) Emphasis must be Placed upon a Complete Change of Heart.

A.) Jesus placed the emphasis on the heart, the seat of conduct; He goes in back of the deed to the motive, to the origin of the act.

1.) Kill - angry. gift --- reconciled
   a.) Matt 5:21-26 pg 7
2.) Adultry - lust.
   a) Matt 5:27-30 pg 7
3.) Forswear - swear not at all. } If you say you will do something - do it!
   a) Matt 5:33 pg 7
4.) Eye ... tooth - other cheek.
   a) Matt 5:38-42 pg 7
5.) Love .... hate - love your enemies.
   a.) Matt 5:43-48 pg 7-8 Be Perfect
6.) Whatsoever ye would - even so do ye.
   a.) Matt 7:12 pg 9
7.) Does - not simply hears
   a.) Matt 7:21-27 pg 9-10

B.) In everything, Jesus seeks conduct from the heart, the result of a changed heart.

1.) Matt 12:33-37 pg 16
2.) Matt 15:7-9 pg 20
3.) Matt 15:18-20 pg 20

Conclusion: Such a disposition (change of heart) is not developed in a day, not a month; it is a growth, the result of continual pruning and developing. It is of such a life that Jesus was speaking when he said in

1.) Matt 7:13-14 pg 9

The Christian life is a life lived by heavenly principles, and for another world; but it is practical, the only practical life in this world.
That we have