How to Live the Christian Life
Colossians 3:1-17

1. Here we will find out just “How to Live the Christian Life.” Summed up in short....
   - 3:1-4 – we are to _______ like Christ
   - 3:5-11 – we are to _____ _____ the old life of sin
   - 3:12-17 – we are to ______ ______ the new life in Christ

2. In this chapter, we learn what we OUGHT TO _______ and to _______.
   Not the legalism of man-made religion v-2:16-23.....but rather He says, “_______
   _______” the “things above!” That is... _______ to secure them,
   ENJOY them, ...make them yours, pursue them...that is, the things of Christ and
   of Heaven...

3. Here he says specifically, “set your minds”....he speaks of our ________,
   our ________, our intentions, our focus.......on “things above”......that is,
   Christ and His Kingdom....______ heavenly things; study them; ________
   about them, ponder them...meditate on them...let your hearts be entirely
   engrossed by them....be as zealous for these as you were for sin....

4. Here family we learn that we have ________...past tense...the Christian has died
to sin, died to the ______, we have put aside the former life and now we
live for Christ....we have repented of our sins and we are now alive to God in
Christ....we are the _______ people of God in Christ!.....

5. Here we see how a Christian wins the daily _______ against sin...we must
   ________ about sin as dead and NOT let it live in our life....We are to ______
   _______...we must mortify the sin that is in our lives, because we are now the
   HOLY people of God....we have a duty of mortifying our corrupt passions and
carnal propensities....

6. God ________ sin and He will not endure with it forever...there is coming
   a Day of Reckoning...._______ and very soon!

7. Christians, we are NOT to live in _______ and wrath toward one another...we
   are to NOT be _________ and devise wicked plans against our neighbor...we
   are NOT to slander and say _______ _______ about others....or use lewd,
   indecent, or immodest words at all...and listen, Christians are to ________
   _______...don’t you know we speak the truth, not lies....we are God’s Holy
   people.....
8. He says, "put on a heart"...that is...make sure it lives in your __________, in your longings and affections, in the deepest part of your _______________.
And what should live there... "compassion, ________________, humility, gentleness and patience"...Ah Hah! Now this is how a Christian is to live....

9. Philippians 2:3-5 - 3 Do nothing from ________________ or empty conceit, but with ______________ of mind let each of you regard one another as __________ important than himself; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, NASB

10. Christians must ______________...this is our way of life...this is Christ’s way of life...our entire union with Christ is __________ in forgiveness...this is how we became Christians, we were ______________...and this is the primary thing that distinguishes us from the unbeliever....we have been forgiven.....

11. Love is..... "the perfect bond of __________"....listen, if you love, you can be compassionate, and kind...if you love, you can be humble and ______________....if you love, you can be patient and ______________ with even the most difficult people...if you love dear Christian...you can even forgive......and then we are truly Christ’s disciples....when we abide in love....

12. Let PEACE __________....this is profound....let PEACE preside in your hearts; sit as King there, govern and ______________you.....dear Christian, does the peace of __________ RULE your life? Why should you live in the tumult and tossing of the sea.... “let the peace of Christ rule in your HEART” .....

13. Psalm 119:127-130 - 127 Therefore I ___________ Thy commandments Above gold, yes, above fine gold. 128 Therefore I esteem right all Thy ________________ concerning everything, I hate every false way. 129 Thy testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul ________________ them. 130 The unfolding of Thy ____________ gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. NASB

If you can’t do what your doing in the name of Jesus, you shouldn’t be doing it! This is a good rule to apply to everything we do.....then we shall know if we have God’s approval in doing it.... May He help us to glorify Him in all that we say and do!

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