

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!