

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Living the Christian Life

Lesson #2

What does it mean to live as a Christian? The Bible shows me people that are passionate for God (David, Abraham, Joseph, Daniel, Paul, Peter, John, etc.). How can I live for Him like that? I want to live the life for which God made me.

1. The Christian life only occurs from a sure salvation that is only through Christ. (Review)

- > A Christian is made new by Christ. There should be real change occurring in the life of a follower of Christ. True living starts with a new birth only caused by God. We must be careful not to substitute religion, church, respect from others for real salvation.
- > A Christian should pursue the life they have been made for in Christ (Phill. 1:21; Mark 12:30; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:9; Phil. 2:12)
 - Followers of Christ hunger for God and the things of God (Phil. 3:10-11; John 14:21)

The Second Question we must ask is regarding our understanding of God's call on our life.

2. The Christian life is a completely different lifestyle than the world around us.

> One of our real traps is that we want Christianity and the world's values.

a) the Christian life is uncompromising and unconditional abandonment of self and full surrender to God (Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-35; Mark 10:21; Matt. 13:44)

> What hinders us from living this way?

- * living like the church around us and not pursuing Scripture's definition of a Christian

Examples: Halfhearted pursuit of Him is OK; being a churchgoer but not passionate for Him, lack of love for Word, good citizen in church and community is enough

- * never fully living the Christian life as giving all to Him and willing to do anything He wants us to do

- we twist the Jesus of the Bible into a message and image that is more comfortable to us

- we are OK with obedience within limits (let's don't go crazy with obedience and look really weird)

—> A Christian “counts the cost” and pursues God’s will each day. This results in God being a priority above everything (family, work, our selfish desires, etc.).

—> A Christian gives their life to Him without qualifications or boundaries. A Christian lives with full and exclusive devotion to God.