

## WHY LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE?

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*The reason Christ came to the earth was to summarise the value of a God given life. He did this by revealing the failings of Godless living; he also promoted and demonstrated the most successful way to serve God. He sacrificed his life so that we could have another chance... he also cancelled the power that death and sin have over us. He revealed the new life that would be possible, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He alone made Christian life a possibility, for those who look for it and live in it.*

*You can only complete a project if you know the end results you want to achieve when you start... life is no different. The anointing of the Holy Spirit makes eternal life possible and gives us known truths to work with.*

**2COR 5:1** For we **know** that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. *We have knowledge that others have yet to learn.*

**1JOH 5:19** *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. The Christian life reveals the failings of Godless living and planning.*

*The benefits of true Christian living.*

**ROM 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Everything that happens in life can be made to work to your advantage... this is not possible with natural living and values.*

**1THE 1:5** *For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. We are consistently assured through known and unchanging values and promises.*

*We know our weaknesses before we even begin... the solution is offered in advance. Jesus made this request to God for us. **JOH 17:14** I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Opposition to our values and life is a forgone conclusion, but the remedy is also concluded. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. The flesh and spirit will always battle against each other... but God is stronger.*

*The challenge is to stop the flesh dominating against Spiritual truths and actions.*

**1PET 1:6** *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: **7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

*We are in the world; we face its challenges and the negativity that comes with pressures, but have far different solutions than they. Being different can bring condemnation from some... while shining a light on the truth for others. Even in the world; people are known by the fruit of their doings. Part of our testimony is that we can enjoy the pleasures of God's creation and life itself, but we do it according to God's values, not the worlds.*

**ROM 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. **2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

*We are promised quality of life with known and consistent values... God's ethics/actions need to be ours.*

**ACT 15:28** *For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; **29** That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well. These directions deal with worldly priorities and their consequences and replace them with spiritual values that work far better.*

**1JOH 3:18** *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. This removes all doubts.*

*The end results are certain and clear, even before we begin.*

**1THE 4:17** *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

*The Christian life offers a remarkable yet simple solution against death... the challenge is to stop being led by impulses (which change from day to day), and to build your family and life on known results and values.*