



In-Depth Studies Canada

– Home Bible Studies –

Christianity 101

Topic 2 “Living by God’s Ways”

Bible Study Objective: Introduce the main themes of the Christian life.

Main Question: How do I live as a Christian?

I. Introduction

Main question: How do we live a life that pleases God?

II. Living by God’s Ways... Our Calling

- To declare God’s praises (I Peter 2: 9)
- To be holy and blameless (Eph. 1: 4)
- To do good works (Eph. 2: 10)

Given our natural condition apart from Christ, how are we enabled to live a life that pleases God?

III. Living By God’s Ways... Three Characteristic of Our New Life in Christ

a. New Nature/ Mindset

Romans 8: 5- 8 “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

What is the primary difference between a Christian and non-Christian?

Why is understanding that we have a new nature/ mindset important for living lives that please God?

b. Dead to and Freed from... Sin

Romans 6: 1- 2, 6- 7 “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?... For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”

What is the result of the death of our old self?

Is Paul saying that we don’t sin when we become Christians?

c. Conflict between the Spirit and the Flesh

Galatians 5: 17- 18 “For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.”

What does it mean to do battle with sin?

“When Paul says the flesh has been crucified, [he means] that the decisive battle has been fought and won by the Spirit. The Spirit has captured the capital and broken the back of the resistance movement. The flesh is as good as dead. Its doom is sure. But there are outlying pockets of resistance. The guerrillas of the flesh will not lay down their arms and must be fought back daily...” – John Piper

IV. Living by God’s Ways... Our Call to Action; Colossians 3: 1- 14

Is the Christian life a spectator sport?

a. Set your Mind on Things Above; Col. 3: 1- 4

How do we cultivate a Godly mindset? *Philippians 4: 8- 9*

- Meditate on God’s Word
- Obey God’s Word

b. Put to Death ALL Things Belonging to the Sinful Nature; Col. 3: 5- 9

How do we put to death things of our sinful nature?

- Identify the presence of sin
- Pray for deliverance from sin
- Starve the “old man” (the flesh)... daily

c. Clothe Yourself with Christian Virtue, Col. 3: 12- 14

Which virtue is superior to all others?

- All other virtues flow from _____.
- How do we clothe ourselves with Christian virtues?
- Meditate on the Gospel
- Apply the Gospel to situations/ relationships