



What Is The Christian Life?

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

Introduction : Have you wondered why people choose the Christian life? What is the Christian life really all about? The answers can be found in Paul's letter to the Romans. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion :

I. A Life of Mercy

- Think about what Jesus said to the Pharisees. What did James say to his readers?
- Showing mercy is one of the natural gifts of the Holy Spirit (v.8).

II. A Life of Sacrifice

- Think about the sacrifice of Jesus. Did it hurt? Why did He do it?
- What do we know about the life of a disciple of Jesus?

III. A Life of Holiness

- Think about this amazing attribute of God. What did Peter tell his readers?
- As priests of God we should be concerned with holiness.

IV. A Life of Acceptance

- Think about the way Jesus accepted others. What accusations were raised?
- When they write your eulogy, and obituary, will they say you were accepting?

V. A Life of Service

- Think about the mission of Jesus. What did He come to this earth to do?
- What is the business of the church? What is the mission of the church?

VI. A Life of Focus

- Think about the story of Peter on the raging sea. What can we learn?
- We cannot take our eyes off of Jesus. Remember the teachings of Hebrews 12.

VII. A Life of Renewal

- Think about power of renewal and revival. Why don't we talk about this more?
- We need a clean slate. We need to constantly experience restoration.

VIII. A Life of Purpose

- Think about the legacy you will leave when you are gone. What did you live for?
- God desires people to follow His plan for their life. See His gifts. See His grace.

Conclusion : Have you lived up to God's standard? Do you have your life focused in the right direction? Are you ready to live the Christian life? Will you live a life of mercy, sacrifice, holiness, acceptance, service, focus, renewal, and purpose? God has some great plans for you!