

# CHRISTIANITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. Christianity is God's way of life Jhn 14:6
- B. Christianity is an everyday religion Rom 13:1-14; 1Pet 2:11-21
- C. Eternal life has its beginning in the more abundant life of Christianity

## DISCUSSION:

### I. CHRIST AND EVERYDAY LIVING

- A. Jesus was acquainted with everyday life
  - 1. He was born in a stable and laid in a manger Lk 2:7
  - 2. He had poor parents who were able to sacrifice Only "doves and pigeons"
  - 3. He lived in a small town
  - 4. He learned a trade
- B. Jesus taught from everyday life
  - 1. Behold a sower went forth to sow Matt 13:3
  - 2. His enemy came and sowed tares in the wheat Matt 13:25
  - 3. No man putteth a piece of new cloth onto an old garment Matt 9:16
  - 4. Note Parables of lost sheep, lost coin, lost son Lk 15
- C. Jesus met the problems of everyday living
  - 1. Changed water into wine at a marriage feast
  - 2. He raised people from the dead
  - 3. He healed the sick
  - 4. The common people heard him gladly

### II. CHRISTIANITY AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS

- A. Life is made up of relationships between one individual and other individuals
- B. Relationships are both vertical and horizontal
  - 1. Vertical - man to God
  - 2. Horizontal - man to fellow man
- C. Vertical - man to God
  - 1. Love God the first and great commandment Matt 22:37,38
  - 2. Serve God by serving man Matt 25:31-46
  - 3. Obedience to the gospel 2Thes 1:8; Heb 5:9

- D. Horizontal - man to fellowman
    - 1. Love neighbor as self second commandment (like the first) Matt 22:39
    - 2. Serve mankind Matt 25:31-46
    - 3. Horizontal relationships experienced:
      - a. In the home - husband/wife; parent/child Eph 5:22-25; 6:1-4
      - b. Toward the poor Gal 2:10
      - c. Toward estranged friend (hard feeling where love had been) Col 3:13
      - d. Servants and master - jobs, government Eph 6:5-9; Rom 13:1-7
      - e. Toward enemies Matt 5:44
  - E. If we don't demonstrate Christianity in these our demonstrations in assemblies are not acceptable
  - F. There can be no circumstances in everyday living that does not have a Christian principle to govern it
  - G. 1Jhn 1:7 Our relationship to God depends almost entirely on our relationship to our fellowman 1Jhn 4:20. Even acts of worship in the assembly performed individually depend on our relationship to fellowman as to whether they are acceptable or not
- ### III. EACH CHRISTIAN CAN HAVE THE POWER TO LIVE AND THE FAITH TO DIE
- A. Christ settled the question of sin on the cross
  - B. The fear of death was settled by the resurrection of Christ
  - C. Abundant life here and afterward eternal life are offered to us Lk 18:29,30
  - D. We should live every day "in Christ" and with "Christ in us".

## CONCLUSION:

- A. The process of adjustment consist of regeneration and education Rom 12:2
- B. Let's be the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth" by living Christianity every day of our lives
- C. We can do this by following the example set for us by Christ himself. 1Pet 2:21