

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. Vertical relationships experienced
 - a. Serve God by serving man Matt 25:31-46
 - b. 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