

## Christian Conduct

### Scripture Text:

Being a Christian is the best title that one can hold. Some people strive to be a CEO, COO, Chief, Head-honcho, etc., and these are all good titles; being a Christian means much more.

Those that have the title of Christians are the ones that have heard, believed, repented, confessed, been baptized, and are remaining faithful. (Notice the past tense, they have done that). If you haven't done that, you are not a Christian. Plain and Simple.

Christ died for our sins. When we live our lives, we are living in such a way that magnifies the life of Christ.

This morning, we will look at three areas in which the Christian is to conduct themselves and how to do so.

### 1. In Worship

- a. When we assemble together, we are worshipping God.
  - i. Acts 20:7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Week
  - ii. Matthew 18:20 – two or three are gathered.
    1. Union, WV – *Gospel Minutes*
    2. 5 total people there – a fantastic worship service
- b. When we come together, it is not to sit in the pews, it is to worship God in the manner in which He prescribes!
  - i. Praying
    1. Model Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13
    2. Prayer is the avenue in which we talk to God
  - ii. Reading
    1. In the OT, the people stood for hours just to hear the Word of God being read: Nehemiah 8:4-5
    2. During history, people were not allowed to read God's Word. The Catholics would chain the only copy of the Bible to the pulpit and only let the certain people read it.
    3. Today, we are truly blessed to readily access the Bible. We are to read it!
  - iii. Singing
    1. Eph. 5:19
    2. Col. 3:16
    3. It is a command. We must do it!
  - iv. Preaching
    1. God's chosen method of delivering His message.
    2. I Corinthians 1:21 – the foolishness of preaching
  - v. Lord's Supper
    1. Matthew 26:26-30

2. We partake not because we love Matzos bread and Grape Juice. We partake because it is the way to remember the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. We also must be focused on what we are doing. I Cor. 11
- vi. Giving
  1. I Cor. 16:1-2
  2. This is the way in which the Lord's Church is financed.
  3. Remember, II Cor. 9:6-7
2. In Dress – physical and lifestyle
  - a. Christians are to dress in a way that is not provocative or seductive.
  - b. When Paul writes to Timothy, his son in the faith, he gives a list of qualifications for elders and deacons (Ch. 3) and also talks about apparel. These qualifications are a good basis for every part of life, even if one is not looking to be an elder, for example.
    - i. I Timothy 3:1-12 – List for Elders and Deacons
    - ii. I Timothy 2:9-15 – List of Dress for women
  - c. We, as Christians, are to be a constant representation of Christ to the world.
  - d. "Christians are the only Bible that some people will ever read." Anonymous
3. In Business
  - a. The Christian is one that will always be doing the right thing, imitating the life of Christ.
  - b. WWJD
  - c. Romans 12:11 – not slothful in business
    - i. In the "Christian's To-Do List" chapter
    - ii. Sloths are cool but sad:
      1. They move very slow
      2. They only eat sometimes once a week
      3. Sometimes, when they are moving, the mistakenly grab onto their own arm and fall to their death.
      4. Who wants that?
    - iii. Don't be slothful; instead, be honest.
  - d. The Christian's Business Life is a Silent Sermon
    - i. There must be respect, I Pet. 2:18-19
      1. Employee to employer.
      2. Employer to employee.
    - ii. Dignity of Work
      1. All is to be done to the glory of God, I Cor. 10:31
      2. Work is not done for an earthy master, or for personal prestige, or for money; work, by the Christian, is done for God!!

The Christian is a very lucky person. They have obeyed the Gospel. They have had their sins washed away.

They are to conduct themselves well in:

1. Worship
2. Dress
3. Business

Col. 3:17 – **ALL**

Studying things like this makes me glad that I am a Christian. If you re a Christian, make sure you are living in accordance to god’s commands. If not, start doing to and repent of in the wrong.

If you are not a Christian, I hope you have been listening. These re great blessings that are available to you as well. No matter who you are or where you are, you can become a child of God this morning.

Imagine – starting the new year off right with Christ!

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