

Christian Lifestyle

Romans 13:8-14

Spiritual Benefits when we become a Christian

- Saved from our sins
- Promised eternal life
- Filled with the Holy Spirit, God's _____
- Fellowship with other believers, Church

Expectations from us as Believers

- Lifestyle
- Habits
- _____ that reflect our relationship with Christ

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?” **Luke 14:28**

For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ **Luke 14:29-30**

Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.” **Luke 9:23**

“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” **Mark 10:38**

**The Christian life is much more than just accepting Him as Savior and being baptized.
There are moral and ethical demands made upon the Christian.**

What God expects from us in the Christian life

1. The Christian is expected to live their life in a _____ manner.

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. **Romans 13:8**

*Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. **Matthew 22:37-38***

*And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 22:39-40***

*The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Romans 13:9***

*Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. **Romans 13:10***

2. The Christian is expected to live with _____ and intensity. *What God expects from us in the Christian life.*

*And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, **Romans 13:11a***

Church Attendance in America, Gallup Poll

1937	73%
2000	60%
2022	49%

Why are Christians spiritually “asleep” today?

1. _____ with the message

*For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **2 Timothy 4:3***

2. A gradual erosion of _____
3. Conditioning from the _____

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16***

3. The Christian is to live a _____ life.
What God expects from us in the Christian life.

*The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. **Romans 13:12***

*“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **Matthew 5:14-15***

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16***

*Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. **Romans 13:13***

*Don’t spend your time in wild parties and getting drunk or in adultery and lust or fighting or jealousy. **Romans 13:13** The Living Bible*

*Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. **Romans 13:14***

*This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved _____ instead of light because their deeds were evil. **John 3:19***

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