

2 • WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT LIFE

Life, as understood, taught, and personified by Jesus Christ, is to be lived in a very different manner than we define it today.

Jesus Christ

- **did not deny happiness or pleasure**, but He didn't make it the most important principle in, nor the ultimate goal of, our lives.
- showed us that **humility, justice, mercy, compassion, and service to others** bring true happiness, based on the **Great Commandment to love God and to love others.**
- **looked upon the religious life of the people of His time** as restrictive, legalistic, superficial, hypocritical, and preoccupied with the "externals of religion" while denying the power of true spiritual life.
- **challenges us to live in His image, to embrace a "way of life"** – not a "religion" or "ideology" or "philosophy." He revealed that **our faith is rooted in a Person – Himself!** "Follow Me," He said, "and I will lead you to eternal life."



Jesus Christ did not come into the world to teach us how to be "better human beings." He came to make us "partakers of His divine nature," to make us "God-like" and "Godly."

Look up each of the following passages and write down what Jesus Christ says about how we can live our lives in a God-like and Godly manner.

MATTHEW 5:3-12

MATTHEW 5:13-16

MATTHEW 6:22-24

MATTHEW 11:28-30

MATTHEW 16:24-28

MATTHEW 19:17-21

LUKE 14:12-14

LUKE 18:20-22

JOHN 20:19-21

JESUS CHRIST REVEALS HIS LOVE FOR US

Our Lord's prayer for – and promise to – His People

Read the following passage. What does Jesus say about our relationship with God and with one another?

JOHN 17:9-19