

“What Is The Christian Life?”

Lesson Text: **1 Peter 4:15-19.**

I. The Christian Life Is A Surrounded Life.

- **Job 1:10.** God Did Not Deny This Hedge.
- God Allowed The Devil To Try Him, But Kept A Hedge To Protect His Life.
- What Kind Of Hedge Around Job? Blessings? Prosperity?
- What Kind Of Hedge Surrounds Us?
 - Grace, Mercy, Love, & Life.
 - **Deuteronomy 7:9. Titus 3:4-7; 1 Timothy 6:17; John 10:10.**
 - Surrounded By God’s Protection- **1 Peter 1:3-6.**
 - Surrounded By The Faithful- **Hebrews 12:1 (See Hebrews 11:1-40).**
- Can We Desire To Leave? Yes, But Why Would We Want To? **1 Peter 2:2-3; Hebrews 6:4-6.**

II. The Christian Life Is A Spiritual Life.

- **1 Peter 4:15** Those Are Carnal Actions And Behaviors...
- Christ Calls Us To Be Spiritual- **Colossians 1:9-10.**
- To Be Spiritual, We Have To Stop Thinking Carnally. **Romans 8:5-9.**
- **Carnal Thinking:** *“Life Is Short, So Live Life To The Fullest!” “You Only Go Around Once, Grab All You Can!” “Let Us Eat And Drink, For Tomorrow We Die!” (1 Corinthians 15:32; Luke 12:19).*
- **Spiritual Thinking:** *“I’m Serving Others, Not Myself.” “This World Is Not My Home.” “I Am Living For Eternal Things, Not The Temporary.” (Philippians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 4:18).*
- We Do This By Having the Fruit Of The Spirit- **Galatians 5:22-24.**

III. The Christian Life Is A Serving Life.

- Where And How Do We Serve?
 - **Acts 27:23.** What Did Paul Do In His Service? **Romans 15:16.**
 - We Serve By Spreading The Gospel- **Acts 4:29; Acts 16:17.**
 - We Serve By Helping One Another- **Matthew 10:42; Galatians 6:10.**
 - By Fulfilling Our Duties To One Another- **Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; James 5:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV).**
 - We Serve By Worshipping God- **Romans 1:9.** (KJB - “Worship”).
 - Anna, A Great Example Of Devoted Service- **Luke 2:36-37.**
 - Dorcas, Also A Great Example! **Acts 9:36-39.**

IV. The Christian Life Is A Happy & Joyful Life.

- God’s People Ought To Be The Happiest On Earth! **Psalms 146:5.**
- Especially, In The Christian Age! **Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 3:9.**
- Even Though We Have Hardships, Pain, And Sorrow Now.... **1 Peter 1:6-9.**