

## How Should We Then Live? II

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In our last article we focused on how should we then live since we know and we see the words of Jesus to be true? We also saw that a man lives according to what is in his heart. Therefore if bad deeds are the actions of a man, then that means that his heart is bad and therefore does not have a relationship with the Lord.

But unfortunately in our days there is plenty of religion that has caused to believe that it is o.k. to continue living immorally because all they have to do is go and confess it on Sunday and then they will be o.k. once again. But once again, that is according to the religion of man. The Bible teaches us otherwise. The Apostle Paul wrote in 1Co 6:8-10 *“Nay, but ye yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”* Paul also wrote to the Galatians by saying that *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”* (Galatians 5:19- 21).

Reading the above Scriptures, how should we then live? What type of manner of life should we have? What should be our actions and our words? Well, you answer those questions by seeing your manner of living. If your faith in the Lord God is real and true, then you will show your true faith by the way you live. At the same time you will also be reading the Bible because you believe it to be the Word of God, and therefore you guide on how you should live. But if you have only a religion, then you will go to church on Sunday and live like if God does not exist the rest of the week. In that case with the same mouth you said your prayers you will then curse, lie, cheat, and be drunk with.

If we truly believe in the Lord Jesus, then we must completely dedicate our life and our actions to Him. Our manner of living should be in accordance to what the Word of God says. And we must continue to press on and not give up. The author of Hebrews wrote *“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”* (Hebrews 2:1-3). Hebrews 4:14 also says that *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.”* And Hebrews 10:23 says that *“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;).”*

Hold fast means “to have, to hold, to hold fast.” In other words, don’t let go. Grab a hold of what you believe in and what you have received and do not let them slip, even though things get tough.

The Lord Jesus Christ did say in Matthew 24:13 that “*But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*” Matthew 24:13 gives us the understanding that because of how difficult it’s going to get in the end, many will indeed give up their faith and stop walking with the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that those that do not have a full grasp on Jesus Christ and simply have a religion will be the ones to let go and give up. And I believe it is because of how they are walking or trying to walk with the Lord. They will be have one foot in the things of the Lord and one in the things of the world.

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