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Mark Davis

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Lord's Supper**  
Jon Barry           Clay Morris  
Cole Meador       Matt Davis

**Prayers**  
Jerry Schnelle     Dee Minter

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Jack Calvert

**Prayers**  
Bryan Garlock     Melvin Potts

**Invitation**  
Bryan Garlock

## ABOUT US

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert       Rodney Ellis

**Deacons**  
Jon Barry         Bill Brittenham  
Mike Davis       Dave Massey

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.  
Worship .....6:00 P.M.

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16;  
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

# Think On These Things

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## The Christian's Way of Life

Bryan Garlock

Recently this writer has added a common phrase to his preaching and teaching. It is not and will not be uncommon to hear the phrase, "This must be the way of life for the Christian". Interestingly, when it comes to weight-loss diets one will often hear, "This is not a diet; it is a way of life". This is exactly where this phrase originates from. Accordingly, discipleship is not something you "try on for size", work at part time, or even stick to for a considerably long time; it is a way of life. This principle is rooted in the pages of Holy Writ. Jesus taught, "...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9.23).

Paul explained to the Ephesian brethren what the way of life for a Christian looks like: "Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the

ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ! — assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone

## FAMILY TALK

**Francine Davis** is home after her stay in the hospital and rehab.

**Sonny Monaghan** is home after a couple of days in the hospital.

**Joey Avance** had his throat biopsy on Friday. We pray that the results will lead to a cure for his problems.

Remember **L. G. Clemmons, Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Mary Alice Turner** and **Max Thomas**.

Please continue to remember **Elizabeth Eaton** who has been sick for the past few weeks.

**Terry** and **Tyna Armstrong** are both scheduled for surgery in January.

**Pat Buls** is having some heart tests.

Several others have been out due to various illnesses.

**Clay Morris** will be preaching for us this evening.

**SINGING:** Any who can participate, please meet at the Little River Nursing & Rehab in Ashdown Sunday afternoon at 3:00 PM. We will be singing for L. G. and other who want to listen.

**Mt. Pleasant Singing.** Remember the annual area-wide singing at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

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in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4.17-32).

These same Christians were also reminded of their way of life earlier in Paul's letter: "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared

beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2.1-10)

Notice that there are two manners or ways of life: the one being the former manner that is corrupt and without Christ, and the other being a manner of life that is righteous and holy. The latter offers a life of blessings, peace, joy, hope, good works, and mercy. The former destroys any hope of these things. Concerning our former life Peter said, "For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles..." (1 Peter 4.3). Therefore, one should no longer "...live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God" (1 Peter 4.2). Simply put, Peter says, "Enough is enough!" Let us always be mindful of the life we once lived and the life for which we were created.

For those who are in Christ, the apostle Paul said, "...let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1.27). Paul does not give us any "wobble room". Our way of life, both publicly and privately, must be worthy of the gospel. Someone once said, "Act in such a manner that you are living proof of a loving God". Are we?

Additionally, the Hebrew writer taught, "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Heb. 13.7). Do we imitate the

faith of those who have lived in a manner worthy of the gospel?

Finally, John the apostle taught, "And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says 'I know him' but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked" (1 John 2.3-6). How did Christ walk? He always did those things that were pleasing to His Father (John 8.29). This was our Lord's manner of life. Is it ours? BG

***Psalm 19:7-8*** *The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

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