

**"LIVING TO GOD'S GLORY"****Introduction**

1. "The darker the night, the brighter the stars"
2. "The darker society is, the more the light of Christian example will be valued".
3. **Illustration**: my study is North-facing.  
**DOCTRINE**: Every Christian is called on to live, as far as he/she can, to the glory of God.

**1. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A NEW AND DIFFERENT LIFE**

- 1) The worldly life is its opposite = pleasing self. But ours is to glorify God in every way,  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Cesar Malan's confession.
- 2) So, sanctification is getting better + better:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: "Good, better, best –"
- 3) How different the worldly life!  
e.g. All the talent in this town – wasted. It used to be different: missionaries, etc.  
**APPLICATION**: If we have grace, we are to strive in all things to live to God's glory.

**2. THE NEGATIVE SIDE OF THIS NEW LIFE**

- 1) We are not to be "conformed to this world":  
their way of behaving / spending time / etc.
- 2) We are not to be intimidated by their hatred of the gospel: Ps.37:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: "green bay tree".
- 3) We don't calculate success in the terms of this world: "the love of money..." / "a man's life..." / "a little that a just man hath..." / BK of Proverbs esp.

- 4) We are to treat sin very seriously: our conscience to be sensitive.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Potiphar's wife.

**3. POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THIS NEW LIFE**

- 1) Live with purpose:
  - (i) ASK, "Why do I do this or that?"
  - (ii) Guard your heart
  - (iii) Aim to live a worthwhile life:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: "two blades of grass..." (Jonathan Swift)
- 2) Learn and Remember all you can, especially of God's Word:
  - (i) our talents vary – use what God has given you to the full
  - (ii) reading is 100 times better than entertainments – especially profitable books like Bunyan, Spurgeon...  
**Q**. Do you memorise the Psalms? Catechism?  
**APPLICATION**: Education rises/falls according to the health of the gospel in society.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: The Scottish schools – 1874 Act
- 3) Realise the Importance of God's Word + Ten Commandments in your life:
  - (i) living "by rule"
  - (ii) apply God's word to every situation, especially marriage / rearing children / family worship / God's Day and House.
  - (iii) the use of the tongue: James 3
  - (iv) aim to be happy in life: "Rejoice in the Lord always"
  - (v) look at life in the context of eternity to come:  
**ILLUSTRATION**: Henry Martyn

**CONCLUSION**

Christian living is living unto God –  
His will / His glory.

**PSALM****119: 1 – 8****26: 4 – 10****5: 4 – 8**