

The Intended Life

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 13:1-21.

B. The Christian finds his life divided between his relationships with the world and believers.

II. We are not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed in the midst of it. (Romans 12:2)

A. The Christian must live his life in touch with the world, but he must be different.

1. He is to have an open house to strangers.

2. The Christian home is to be a center of hospitality evangelism.

3. The Christian is to have an open heart to the oppressed.

4. The Christian must have an open eye to the dangers of life.

a. The Christian is to be content.

b. God will never leave him or forsake him--he can be content to receive only what God gives.

B. Jesus Christ is the same always--He was the instrument who brought change to those believers in the past and those in the present.

C. The Christian must exercise simplicity of belief. Matters of food do not strengthen the heart, grace does.

III. In the body of Christ, there is a sacrifice of service.

A. This involves weakness.

B. This puts up with misunderstanding and persecution.

C. The Christian gives thanks always.

D. The Christian shares.

E. The Christian prays.

IV. Life lived at the center.

A. God gives peace, which is mental health.

B. We have a resource as helpless sheep--the resurrection power of the risen Christ indwelling the believer.

C. Believers are fighting a battle already won when they rely on Christ's power.

Application questions:

1. What are ways that Christians are to demonstrate a transformed life?

2. How should fellowship look like in the body of Christ? How does your small group match up?

3. Why does the transformed life a life of dependence for the Christian? Explain.
