



THIS IS THE GOSPEL
The Christian Life, What Is It?

Text: 2 Cor. 5-17; "If any man be in Christ, he is a new Creation, all things are passed away, behold all things are become new."

It's true that a Christian can be spotted anywhere, by their dress, their speech, and their light. Because a Christian is a light, he is an example in everything, to the transforming power of God in his life. Our text implies that any one born again, into God's family by His spirit is a new creation, or new creature. Old desires and bad habits will leave the Bible says "a little Leaven, Leaveneth the whole Lump." The Christian life is first; A life of holiness; I Thess. 4-7 the Apostle said, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto Holiness." Also, I Cor. 7-1; "Therefore having received the promises dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God." Holiness is more than just long dresses and long hair. I believe in that too, but holiness is to be pure in heart, Math. 5-6, It's easy to love ones friends, but holiness of heart will cause one to love their enemies. It will cause one to give and not to take. If everybody in the church today had this, my; what a revival would break out. Also the christian life is one of prayer. I Tim. 2-8; "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up Holy hands unto God." Also in Eph. 6-18, "Praying always with all Prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perserverance and supplication (Prayer) for all Saints. Prayer is just as much a part of the christian life and just as necessary for spiritual life, as water or food is for the physical life. The great amount of backsliding in the church today can be traced to prayerlessness. If you want more victory and power to overcome pray more. Also, the christian life is one of self denial. A christian cannot love the things of the world and still love God, say Amen. I Jn. 2-15, "Love NOT the world, or the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." Also in Lk.

9-23; "If any man will come after me let him take up his cross daily and follow me." In Luke 9-62; "He that putteth his hand to the plow and looketh back, is not fit for the Kingdom of God." In Math. 10-37, "He that loveth Father or Mother

more than me, is not worthy of me." Truly the christian must abstain from any thing that would take away from our spiritual life. This message is not meant to condemn anyone, but to bless and to help you live closer to God. I really believe according to the many Bible signs that Jesus is coming very soon now, and that he is also getting his people ready to leave this sin cursed earth for that celestial city where are you living today, my friend; have you thought about what would happen to you, if the Lord should come before you make preparation to meet Him? But you can be saved right where you are, by repenting of your sins and believing on

Jesus Christ and accepting Him in your heart as Lord and Saviour. I Jn. 1-9; If we confess our sins. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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First Auto Policy

NEW YORK — The first liability policy to be written in America on an automobile was issued in 1896 to Gilbert J. Loomis of Westfield, N. J., according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Mr. & Mrs. Roberts Attend Convention

(Raleigh, N. C., January 11, 1966) — The 49th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the National Automobile Dealers Association will be held at the Miami Beach Auditorium and Convention Hall in Miami Beach, January 15 - 19. Approximately 15,000 franchised new car dealers, associates and their wives are expected to attend the 5-day meeting, according to Mrs. Bessie B. Ballentine, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association accompanying Mrs. Ballentine from the NCADA Executive Office in Raleigh will be Mrs.

Elizabeth Herring and Mrs. Becky Griffin.

Nationally recognized speakers who will address the Convention include General Motors Corporation President James M. Roche; E. B. Weiss, Doyle Dane Berbach, Inc.; John M. Cauric, National Association of Broadcasters and C. T. Lipscomb, Jr., American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Sketch Henderson and his Orchestra head a list of entertainers including: Marguerite Piazza, John Raitt, Pete Fountain and the Nagle Brothers.

Attending the Convention from this area are: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Roberts.

Statement Of Condition

At The Close Of Business December 31, 1965

THE NORTHWESTERN BANK

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

RESOURCES

Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 23,375,875.37
Bonds, Stock and Accrued Interest	84,871,353.83
Loans	170,569,290.37
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures-- Less Depreciation	2,421,185.87
Other Assets	237,348.89
Other Real Estate	2.00
Customer's Liability Under Letter of Credit	<u>369,920.88</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$281,844,977.21

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$245,385,958.61
Reserve for Dividend Payable 1-3-66	111,102.40
Interest Due Depositors and Other Reserves	7,884,922.97
Branch Float	395,434.29
Bank's Liability Under Letter of Credit	<u>369,920.88</u>

OTHER LIABILITIES

Subordinated Debentures due 5-1-84	\$ 5,000,000.00
RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES	<u>6,259,613.90</u>
Total Subordinated Debentures & Reserve for Loan Losses	\$ 11,259,613.90

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Capital Stock (Common)	\$ 2,777,560.00
Surplus	11,222,440.00
Undivided Profits	<u>2,438,024.16</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 16,438,024.16

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT **\$281,844,977.21**

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