

Three Parts Of A Christian's Life

II Timothy 4:6-8

The Beginning – A Transition

- John 1:9-13 – “he gave the right to become children of God”
- John 3:1-7 – “unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God ... You must be born again”
- II Corinthians 5:17 – “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”
- I Peter 1:3-5, 22-25 – “he has caused us to be born again ... you have been born again”

Life Itself – Action

A Battle

- Ephesians 6:10-20 – “Put on the whole armor of God”

A Race

- Hebrews 12:1-2 – “... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”

Life Itself – Action

A Building

- Luke 14:28-30 – “... sit down and count the cost”
- I Corinthians 3:11-15 – “... no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid”
- Matthew 7:24-25 – “... built his house on the rock”

A Laying Up Of Treasure

- Matthew 6:19-21 – “... lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”

An ending

Reward For The Faithful

- Revelation 2:10-11 – “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life”
- Psalms 116:15 – “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints”

Salvation As The Goal Of Our Faith

- I Peter 1:3-9 – “... an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you ... obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls”

An ending

Eternal Life Is A Promise

- I John 2:24-25 – “... this is the promise that he made to us – eternal life”

Fight And Finish In Order To Receive The Reward

- II Timothy 4:6-8 – “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

All parts of a Christian's life must be observed in their proper order

A "good life" without being "born again" will not profit

- Matthew 7:21-23 – "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven"

Beginning life as a Christian without completing it will result in eternal disaster

- Hebrews 6:1-6 – "... it is impossible to restore again to repentance ..."
- II Peter 1:5-11 – "... whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind "

Have you started your life as a Christian?

**If Not
Why Not Start Now?**

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – "And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ ..."

Obeying The Gospel

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

Obeying The Gospel

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand and by which you are being saved if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"