

The Conquering Power of
The Christ-like life.

1 The seems to be a sort of popular
infestation that the living of
such a life as may be called
a Christ-like life, relapses one
to a world of uninteresting
things - that all the fun of life,
all its romance, its compelling
values, its absorbing fascins
are to be found in what
commonly spoken of as the
worldly life, or the life of
pleasure; that the life of
the sinner, or well I
is the life of fun, and
joy, = But on the other hand

The life of the religious person is one devoid of romance, of compelling values. - it is negative.

There are certain valid grounds for this foolish delusion, - but delusion it is.

The reasons why this foolish superstition exists are not far to see. There is also a foolish superstition that religion ~~itself~~ is a sort of mechanical contrivance by which we may escape the consequences of our delinquent sins, and continue to enjoy throughout eternity a sort of ~~other~~ celestial pleasure.

Lif^o. = This popular conception of religion is the result of false teaching in the churches.

Religion is the search for the abiding, - worth while values of life, the quest for its greatest opportunities.

I have referred to the religious life in terms of the Christ-like life.

What is it?

Meaning = of Christ the Word,
Why was Jesus so called?

What was his life.

What is it in terms of some of its striking illustrations

In affairs = Mr. H. Boldwin.

Science. =

Letters.

Stolesmanship,

Religion. =

Use common place
illustrations.

The Unfailing Power of a Christ-like Life.

As we sit here this morning thus in travel, across the Atlantic a ship-load of human derelicts from all grades of European Society, who have been gathered from the underworld of Paris, and other European cities. Men and women, some from homes of culture and refinement, - educated and well cared for. Some reckless travellers; others perhaps simply the victims of misfortune. What is their story. Drawn to Europe by either the glamour of the war, or the call of service of one kind or another, they have been tramping the broad and gaudy highway of a life of unabated pleasure seeking. - The result is inevitable. Helpless, friendless, characterless, - reduced at the last extremity, living amid the ruins of human kind, - they have been befriended by societies organized to take care of them. Their passage across is paid, their food is provided; and arrangements of sleep made with friendly

Notes.

The Compelling Power of the Christ-like Life.

According to John, Jesus said of his mission that he came that people might have life, and life more abundant. Even against this declaration, there appears the popular superstition that anyone who professes to lead a Christ-like life, is taking upon himself the obligation to empty his life of all that is interesting, and joyful. In other words there is a popular superstition to the effect that after all, the real pleasure, the real romance, the real fun of life is not to be found in living what may be called a Christ-like life, but rather is to be found in living

what is commonly called the life of pleasure. To illustrate, according to this popular superstition, the really happy, enjoyable life is to be found in following the desires and fancies of life, so-called. - To go on a good time, is to cast aside all restraints and consequences, and to follow the life of worldly pleasure. - To be lost in the mazes of the underworld, - In short the life of lust, and sensation is the life where the greatest pleasure, the greatest satisfactions, the greatest joy is to be found. To that kind of a life we would all give ourselves were it not for the fact that we have been told by the church that while

such a life may be pleasing to us, yet in the sight of God such a life is a life of sin, hateful to God, and that God will punish us if we follow that kind of a life.

Therefore, continues this popular superstition, in order to escape the displeasure of God, we become Christians, - deprive ourselves of all the pleasures that we really to enjoy because we fear some kind of punishment from God. and hope that some how God will reward us for living a sad, gloomy, empty life here, by giving us a life

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sister has to care for them after they
have landed in New York.

You folks can see the same sort of people
in almost every newspaper that you read.
Here and there amid the daily news of the
fife, there looms to the front some tragic story
of a disillusioned life. But the smallett
fraction of all even gets into the daily news.

We find them, young and old, in all
the walks of life, in church and out,

Who are they? what are they?

They are those people who for one reason
or another take it for granted that a
life of self indulgence, of selfish
seeking after

The Convicting Power of the Christ-like Life.

Out of the extra-ordinary developments of that 19th century, which has been called the lofty and turbulent century, there are slowly emerging two great basic faiths.

The Compelling Power of the Christ-Likely.

Sinner, saint, and hypocrite, are three words which are commonly used. In the rough we may describe a sinner as one whose main interests are concerned with what he can get out of life. If the sinner happens to be of meek formality,