

HANDOUT FOR LESSON ELEVEN
THE NEW WAY OF LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- 1) The resurrected Jesus delivered an authoritative way of life to be followed by his disciples, instructing that those who had been baptized be taught to observe all things that had been commanded (Matt. 28:20).
- 2) It has been said that there are two sides to being a Christian – believing and behaving.
 - a) Early lessons have centered on believing.
 - b) This lesson centers on behaving.
- 3) MORALITY AND COMMUNITY.
- 4) THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS.
 - a) The Christian life flows from salvation in Christ and incorporation into him.
 - b) Theological foundations for ethics in the New Testament.
 - i) Many moral people who are not Christians will act in the same way in a given situation that Christian teaching enjoins.
 - ii) All the motivations for the moral teaching given by New Testament writers are religious and are rooted in fundamental Christian doctrine.
 - (1) Theology.
 - (2) Christology.
 - (3) Pneumatology.
 - (4) Soteriology.
 - (5) Eschatology.
 - (6) Ecclesiology.
 - c) The primacy of love.
- 5) FELLOWSHIP.
- 6) DISCIPLINE.
 - a) Positive Discipline.
 - b) Negative Discipline – Withdrawal of Fellowship.
 - i) The Practice – What is Disfellowship?
 - ii) The Persons – Who Are to Be Disfellowshipped?
 - iii) The Process or Procedure – How is Disfellowshipping to Be Done?
 - iv) The Purpose – Why Is Disfellowshipping Undertaken?
 - c) Pardon for Erring Christians.
 - d) Discipline and Evangelism.
- 7) Christian Liberty.
 - a) Freedom From.
 - b) Freedom For.
 - c) Misunderstandings of Freedom.
 - d) The Place of Rules in the Christian Life.
 - e) The exercise of Christian Liberty.
- 8) Unity.
- 9) Concluding Passages.
 - a) Matthew 5:16.
 - b) Phil. 2:14-16.