

Foundations of Faith

Lesson Five: Growing Christ-like

Read 1 Peter 1:14-16, 22. What are some characteristics of children of God according to these verses?

Holiness

As you follow Christ, the sin that previously characterized your life will fade away and your life will begin to look more like His.

God accepts us by grace not by good works.

Yet when true salvation occurs, a change in our lives will be obvious. God promises to purify your life and make you holy (1 Thessalonians 5:21-23). The word "holy" means to be set apart. This lifelong process of becoming Christ-like involves every part of our lives.

What do these verses teach us about dealing with sin in our lives?

Romans 6:1-2; 6-7

Colossians 3:5-10

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

What is one area of sin that you want greater victory over in your life?

Obedience & Surrender

In Matthew 28:20 Jesus commands His disciples, "*teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" Jesus calls anyone who would follow Him to surrender their life to obey Him wholeheartedly (Mark 8:34-35).

What do the following verses teach us about obedience?

Luke 6:46-49

John 14:21

Key Commands of Jesus

"Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:14-15)

"...be baptized, everyone of you..." (Acts 2:38)

"...pray and do not give up." (Luke 18:1)

"...love one another." (John 13:34)

"...forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 19:35)

"give... to the poor" (Luke 11:41)

"do this [Lord's supper] in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:14-19)

"make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:20)

Do you seek to obey the commands of Jesus?

Yes__ No__ Sometimes__ I don't know__

What do the following verses teach us about surrendering our life to Jesus?

Matthew 13:44-46

Mark 8:34-35

Love

The most defining characteristic of any follower of Jesus is love (John 13:35). Jesus has taught us love for God, love for each other and love for those that don't know Jesus - ought to govern all the life and decisions of a believer.

What do these verses teach you about love?

Mark 12:28-31

Luke 7:36-47

I John 4:19-21
Luke 6:32-36

YOUR RESPONSE THIS WEEK:

- Share with the one taking you through this lesson an area in which you would like to be held accountable (i.e. eating too much, anger, lust, loving your spouse/roommate).
- As you read the gospels, begin writing down the things Jesus commanded His disciples in a journal and seek to obey those commands.
- Agree with the one taking you through this lesson on a realistic but challenging goal to share the gospel this week.
- Share these lessons with someone who is ready to be trained.