

The Process of Discipleship



Being changed into the image of Christ

Taking Responsibility for Change



Common Excuses:

- Our Genes
- Our Education and Background
- Our Circumstances
- Satan and his demons

Col 3:9,10

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v 5 “Put to death”

v 8,9 “Now is the time to get rid of”

3 Stages:



- **Recognise** a need to change
- **Rid** ourselves of these sins (by confession)
- **Resolve** to leave them

Col 3:12 - 14

“ ... Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”

Col 3:15, 16

“And let the peace that comes from
Christ rule in your hearts”

“Let the message about Christ, in all
its richness, fill your lives.” [Or] “Let
the word of Christ dwell in you
richly...”

2 Disciplines:

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- **Meditation**
- **Imitation**

Col 3:1,2

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights (minds) on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”

1 Pet 1:13,15

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Gal 5:25

Since we are living by the Spirit, let
us follow the Spirit's leading in every
part of our lives”

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“Be imitators of me as I am of Christ”

1 Cor 11:1