

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

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GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE THE SAME PERSON YOU ARE TODAY AT THE END OF 2026.

IF YOU WANT TO BECOME LIKE JESUS, IT REQUIRES A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING AND LIVING THAN WHAT THE WORLD TELLS US.

Philippians 1:27–2:13 (NLT) (27) Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. (28) Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. (29) For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. (30) We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it. (1) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? (2) Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. (3) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. (4) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. (5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. (7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (8) he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. (9) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (12) Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. (13) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

1) **Becoming like Jesus means _____ and in a manner worthy of the gospel.**

Philippians 1:27a (NLT) (27) Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.

IF YOU SAY YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS AND YOUR LIFE LOOKS NO DIFFERENT THAN SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T FOLLOW JESUS, SOMETHING IS WRONG.

ARE YOU LIVING AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN?

2) **Becoming like Christ means we _____ and are committed to serve others.**

Philippians 2:3–4 (NLT) (3) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. (4) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Matthew 22:37–39 (NLT) (37) Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

WE BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS AND BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE LIFE THE WAY GOD CREATED US TO EXPERIENCE IT WHEN WE GET OUR EYES OFF OURSELVES AND PUT THEM ON JESUS AND OTHERS.

Luke 9:23–24 (NLT) (23) Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (24) If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

3) **Becoming like Christ means _____ in how we live our lives on a daily basis.**

Philippians 2:5 (NLT) (5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:6–8 (NLT) (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. (7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (8) he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:9–11 (NLT) (9) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HUMILITY LEADS TO EXALTATION. SERVANTHOOD LEADS TO HONOR. OBEDIENCE LEADS TO GLORY.

Philippians 2:12b–13 (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. (13) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.