

A scenic photograph of a beach. In the foreground, several footprints are visible in the golden sand, leading towards the water. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from a wave washing onto the shore. In the far distance, a large, flat-topped island or headland is visible against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds.

**WALK IN
NEWNESS OF LIFE.**

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**Many people want to go to Heaven
but very few of us want to die!**

**Many people would like to be followers of Jesus But
do not want the responsibility and accountability
that the privileged relationship brings.**

**Following Jesus is not about rules
it is about relationship.**

Following Jesus challenges us to be like Him.

**Following Jesus each day will not be a bed of roses!
We will be a challenge to the world and
the world will be a challenge to us every day.**

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Sin is an act of rebellion against God and we in this day and age have a real **problem with Authority** of any kind

We understand there has to be guidelines and rules but they are for other people not for Christians.

We watch **Football** and see someone **deliberately Tackle the Player** not the ball

And we jump up and shout REF! REF!

You must have seen that ! **THAT is against the rules.**

We watch the **Tennis** and a serve comes at 138 miles an hour and there is an argument! is it out, is it in?

And someone shouts **CHALK DUST**
IT WAS IN! WHY? THAT'S THE RULES!

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We understand this in practically every aspect of life **there are guidelines and rules.**

So that everyone knows where they stand and we all start at that same understanding.

When someone says I know those are the rules but I do not want them to apply to me then it leads to anarchy and chaos.

A **football player** who suddenly picks up the ball and runs with it, is stupid he is holding up the real game.

A **bus driver** who knows the timetable but decides today he will turn up **when he feels like it** does not just mess up his own job he impacts the lives of others who are depending on catching the bus.

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When we think in our pride and our ego that we can just do what we want to do in society it does not just impact our lives it damages the lives of others as well.

Being a Christian is not just about us
It is about lifting up and glorifying God in every aspect of our lives.

Not because we have to but because we want to!

Our modern society is all about
What is in it for me and what is mine.
Self and Materialism.

**Our relationship with God
challenges us to be different.**

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Matt 20:28 “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”



Jesus came to Serve...

and to give His life a ransom for many

To be like Christ, is to serve...

"How can I serve You?"



“The person who wants to save his life will lose it, but every person who gives his life for me will find it. What profit is there if you gain the whole world, and lose eternal life? What can be compared with the value of eternal life?” Matt 16:25-26;

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A Christian is one who has **turned away from sin** (repentance,) **died to sin** been **buried with Jesus** in baptism, and been **raised to walk in newness of life.**

Romans 6:4;

A Christian is one who has been **"born again."**
(John 3:5;)

"Since we have died to sin, we must reckon ourselves, to be alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:11;)

Will sin no longer be a problem? (Romans 6:12-13;)

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God."

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We have been "**crucified with Christ.**" (Gal 2:20;)

We have put to death the old man of sin; our new life must be different from our old one. There are many changes that we must make. "**We are to be holy-because God is holy**" (1 Pet 1:14-16;)

God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. (1Thess 4:7;). Because of our repentance, God has washed away our sins when we were baptized (Acts 22:16;) we have been added to the body of Christ, the church. (Acts 2:47;)

God has promised, through His grace and our response of faith and obedience, to forgive us of our sins. (Acts 2:38;) To give us eternal life. (Heb 5:9;)

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We have faith in His promise. (Col 2:12;). “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Cor 7:1;)

Becoming a Christian is not merely becoming a **bit religious** or starting to **go to church**. It is even more than turning over **a new leaf** or trying to do good.

It is a radical and staggering change that effects our whole life. This lesson hopefully will help us to realize the wonderful change that takes place in the Christian - from old to new.

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Let us look at the following scriptures and see how they describe this change.

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18;

2. John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23;

3. Romans 6:1-4;

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. They are not the same any more. A new life has begun!”

“All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into His favour and be reconciled to Him.”
2 Cor 5:17-18;

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Jesus answered him, **“I am telling you the truth:-
If a person is not born again, he cannot see
the kingdom of God!”** John 3:3;

**“You have been born anew, not of perishable
but of imperishable seed, through the living and
enduring word of God.”** 1 Peter 1:23;

Romans 6:1-6; **“What should our answer be? Should we
continue living in sin, so that gracious love will increase?
Never! How could we live in sin anymore? We died to it!
You know that all of us were immersed into Christ Jesus.
Don't you know that we were immersed into His death?”**

**“So, through immersion, we were buried with Him into death.
Christ was raised from death through the glory of the Father.
In the same way, we will live a new life.”**

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“ Because if we have been planted with Christ, dying as He died, we will also be raised to life. You know that our sinful selves were nailed to the cross with Christ, so that the body of sin would lose its power, so that sin will no longer be used to make us slaves.” (International English.)

**Paul compares the Christian life
to one who is changing clothes. (Colossians 3;)**

Imagine the worker who has spent all day labouring in the fields. His hands are full of dirt, and his body is covered with sweat. [Sin makes us spiritually filthy.]

**He comes home and removes the dirty clothes.
Then he washes away the sweat and grime with soap
and water and puts on clean clothes.**

**When we repent of our sins and are immersed, we remove
the old clothes and are washed in the blood of Christ.**

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Would we want to put on those old garments that are still dirty and sweaty? **Of course not.**

We want to wear the fresh, clean clothes of righteousness.
We want to be the holy people God has made us. (1 Pet 2:9;)

Following are verses in which Paul makes this comparison.
“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”
(Col. 3:1-3;)

Even our thinking must be changed. (2 Cor 10:4-5;)
“For our fight we are not using weapons which come from this world. No, our weapons come from God. They are powerful enough to break down strong forts.”

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- 5 “We break down false logic and anything which rises up against what we know is true about God.
We capture every thought to make it obey Christ.”

We must become more concerned about heavenly (spiritual) matters than the things we so often dwell on of an earthly nature.

We must put to death those ideas that would lead us back into sin:- “So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don't be greedy for the good things of this life, for that is idolatry.” (Colossians 3:5;)

Old Self.**Changed by God's Power.****New Me.**

Dead in sin. Cut off from God. 1 Peter 2:24;	Buried old self. Born anew. Colossians 2:12;	Alive in Christ. Right with God. Colossians 3:3;
Nobody. Helpless, God's enemy Children of Wrath. Rom 5:6-11;	"reconciled." 2 Corinthians 5:18.	Somebody- God's friend. Children of God, heirs. Rom 8:17; Gal 3:26;
Lost. aimless, No Hope Eph 2:12;	Found by Jesus "the Way" John 14:6; Luke 19:10;	Saved. Purpose, Direction, Hope. 1 Pet 1:3;
Earthbound. This life is all there is, Kingdom of darkness. Ephesians 5:8-9;	Translated. Colossians 1:13;	Heaven bound. Just passing through this life, Heaven is real home. Spiritual values. Kingdom of light. 1 Thess 5:5;
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<p>How does this change effect our attitude to:- 1) Life. 2) Others. 3) Things (our possessions.) 4) Ourselves.</p>		
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**Paul talks about those things which,
like dirty clothes, we must remove.**

“But now you must also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.” (Colossians 3:8-10;)

The list of things in verse 5 concern problems of a sexual nature; Those listed in verses 8-10 concern attitude and speech.

When we become Christians, we make changes in our lives. The way that we think changes. Life is viewed in light of eternity, not just in terms of daily living.

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The things that become **most important** now is **our relationship to God through Jesus** and how we can allow Christ to develop our talents and abilities in His family, His Kingdom, His body the church.

We know that Jesus is coming back for His people (alive or dead) to take them to heaven. **Jesus is our life.** (Col 3:4;).
Until the time He returns. (2 Thess 1:7-9;)

Our attitudes must be different from the sinful ones we once had. We must control anger rather than expressing it for all to see. We must watch what we say:-
A filthy mouth should not be found in a cleansed soul.

Our tongues should not be used for corrupt speech or to deceive people. Gods people ought to be devoted to truth rather than tell lies.

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THREE EXAMPLES OF THE NEW NATURE

A. Ephesians 4:2-5:20;

OLD NATURE.-----verses-----NEW NATURE.

**Assumption: You have heard and learned of Christ.
You were taught in Him - where Truth is.**

PUT OFF THE OLD NATURE:- PUT ON THE NEW NATURE.

Put away falsehood - lying / Speak truth.

Do not sin by anger - bad temper.

Do not steal like a thief- Work honestly, Give to the needy.

**No evil talk - Only speech that:-
Edifies, Imparts Grace – Blesses.**

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PUT AWAY FROM YOU.

Bitterness! resentful spirit. **Wrath!** outburst of passion.

Anger! settled feeling of anger,

Clamour! loud assertion of anger. **Slander!** abusive speech.

Malice! bad feeling of every kind.

Be Kind! love in action. **Tender-hearted.**

Forgive one another.

No grudges nursed, as God forgave you.

NOT TO BE NAMED AMONG YOU.

Immorality! sexual perversion. **Impurity!** of every kind.

Covetousness! ruthless greed.

No Filthiness! Speech.

Silly Talk! Levity that is not fitting

(dirty stories, foul talk, coarse jokes –Taylor.)

No inheritance in the kingdom.

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ONCE YOU WERE IN DARKNESS

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

The fruit of light is found in all that is good (active, seeking) and right and true. That which brings light.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in unfruitful works of darkness
(no fellowship) with old man or old nature.

Not as unwise men - thoughtless, foolish.

But wise - wisdom.

Make the most of time.

Do not be foolish – senseless reckless.

Do not get drunk with wine - debauchery.

Discern (understand) what the will of the Lord is.

**PUT TO DEATH
WHAT IS EARTHLY.**

Immorality.
Impurity.
Passions.
Evil desire.
Covetousness.

Colossians 3:1-17;

**SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS
THAT ARE ABOVE.**

Your life is hid
with Christ in God.

PUT ON THE NEW NATURE.
Renewed in knowledge.
After the image of it's creator.
No division - for Christ is all.

PUT THEM ALL AWAY.

Anger.
Wrath.
Malice.
Slander.
Foul talk from the mouth.
Do not lie to one another.

PUT ON.

Compassion.
Kindness. Lowliness.
Meekness. Patience.
Forbearing one another.
Forgiving one another, as
Christ at forgave you.

OLD NATURE:- with it's
practices- For you **DIED**.

ABOVE ALL THINGS:- LOVE'
Peace of Christ rule. Be thankful.

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Christianity is more than just putting off the old thoughts, attitudes, and actions.

We must put on the new clothes that God wants us to wear.

WITH GODS HELP IT IS POSSIBLE!

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do.”

“But above all these things put on LOVE, which is the bond of perfection. And let the PEACE of GOD rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and BE THANKFUL.” (Colossians 3:12-15;).

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Changing ourselves is not easy.

Pride must be changed into **humbleness of mind**;

Anger must be changed into **kindness**,

longsuffering, bearing with one another, and

forgiveness. **Selfishness** must be changed into **love**.

Becoming a Christian means becoming a new person-
not only in relationship to God, but to other people, also.

“We are to conform ourselves to the image of Christ.”

“And we know that God causes everything to work
together for the good of those who love God and are
called according to His purpose for them.” Rom 8:29;

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**If we must suffer for righteousness' sake,
we are to follow His example. 1 Peter 2:21-24;**

**The new life also ought to brings freshness
to all earthly relationships.**

**It means we ought to be better husbands and wives.
(Colossians 3:18-21; Ephesians 5:22-33;)**

**We ought to be better servants (workers)
and masters.**

(Colossians 3:22-4:1;)

**We ought to be better citizens.
(1 Peter 2:13-17;)**

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How glorious it ought to be, to be a Christian,
a new person with better earthly relationships!

SOME PEOPLE GRASP JUST ENOUGH CHRISTIANITY
TO MAKE THEM MISERABLE!

SOME PEOPLE BECOME SO HEAVENLY MINDED
THEY ARE NO EARTHLY GOOD!

The greatest blessing of all is to be one of God's
children walking in the light rather than
one of Satan's walking in darkness.

“Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**, old things have passed away;
behold, **all things have become new.**”

(2 Corinthians 5:17;)

WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE. OBLIGATIONS.

If we have been baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. We have many blessings and privileges and also many obligations or duties.

The first one is to put God first in our life.

(Luke 14:7-33; Matt 6:33; 22:36-40;)

The second one is to:- "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12;)

"Dearest friends, you were always so careful to follow my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away you must be even more careful to put into action God's saving work in your lives, obeying God with deep reverence and respect."

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**We have obligations to your brethren in the church
as well as to those who are not Christians.**

**All brethren are to "love one another," as Christ loved us.
(John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8;)**

**There are a number of passages that speak of ways
to help each other, such as of teaching, admonishing,
encouraging, and serving one another.**

Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 3:13; Galatians 5:13;

What about those who are not Christians?

**“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming
the time. Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought
to answer each one.” (Colossians 4:5-6;)**

**Paul said that he was debtor to all men;
he owed them the gospel. Rom 1:14-16;**

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We have been buried with Him through baptism into death... so we might walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:4; "The old things have passed away; behold NEW things have come."

GOD'S PROMISES TO US?

ETERNAL LIFE.

**1 John 5:11-13;
John 3:16;**

FORGIVENESS.

**Acts 2:38;
Colossians 2:13;**

SONSHIP.

**Galatians 3:26;
John 1:12;**

Colossians 2:6;

"SO THEN, AS YOU RECEIVED

CHRIST JESUS AS LORD, SO WALK IN HIM."

HUNGER FOR THE WORD : LIVE RIGHT : LOVE OTHERS : TELL OTHERS.

1 Peter 2:2

1 John 3:7;

1 John 4:21;

Mark 5:19;

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ASSIGNMENT

Read Colossians Chapter 3 :- Write down the **THINGS** of the **OLD LIFE**, the things that need to be put aside now that you are a Christian.

Make a list of the things of our **NEW LIFE** in Christ.

Pray about putting on your NEW life and try to put these characteristics into daily practice.

In John 3:3-6; The new Birth –

What two elements are involved? v5

How are these two elements seen in Baptism Acts 2:38;

What steps lead to a new birth give ref.

In growing up to maturity what does Rom 6:4; tell us is the result of our new birth. There ought to be a continual growth in your Christian life, Just as a baby grows to maturity.

How do you feel that you are growing?

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Eph 4:11-16;

- a) What is God's desire for you? v13-15;
- b) What are the results of remaining “children.”
(immature Christians.) v14;
- c) What characterizes a spiritually mature person according to this passage?

One writer says "The twentieth century is characterized by many inventions which meet peoples needs quickly and easily. Instant foods, communications, television, satellite, instant information stored at high speed."

This is the NOW generation, Christians need to remember that there is **no such thing as instant maturity**.
Becoming a Christian begins a life long adventure of coming to know God better and love Him more and more.
Memorize Rom 12:2;

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