

LESSON 01

What Should Christian Life Look Like?

1: Sin and Salvation

Executive Summary

The Christian life is a lifelong pursuit of Christ, not a religious identity shaped by the surrounding culture. Second Peter 3:18 commands believers to keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus, while Philippians 3:8-11 shows a heart that values knowing Christ above every competing gain. Spiritual maturity develops as Scripture reshapes what we believe, love, reject, and practice.

Key Terms

Discipleship	The lifelong process of following Christ, learning His Word, obeying His commands, and helping others do the same.
Grace	God's unearned favor toward sinners, shown supremely in Christ and active in the believer's growth.
Scripture	God's written Word, authoritative and sufficient for knowing Him, understanding salvation, and walking faithfully.
Christlikeness	Increasing conformity to the character of Jesus through the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

2 Peter 3:18

18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Philippians 3:8-11

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Application Questions

1. What do 2 Peter 3:18 and Philippians 3:8-11 show that a growing Christian should desire?

2. In what area of your life do you most need to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ?

3. Is anything becoming more important to you than knowing and following Jesus? Explain.

4. What simple habit can you begin this week to help you grow closer to Christ?
