

THIRD PURPOSE 16.8.2020 am

Created to be like Christ.

Image bearers, not animals but reasonable, moral, and spiritual (immortal) beings. Each one created and valued uniquely; created to love God and created to love mankind. Created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (set apart for His purpose). **Ephesians 4:22-24**

God's ultimate goal for us is not comfort, but Christlikeness / Christ-like character. **Philippians 2** – kenosis passage; saturated in the love of God **1 Corinthians 13:1-8**.

Reflectors: **2 Corinthians 3:18** – as His Spirit is at work within us. Will power and resolutions are not enough for it is not by might, nor by power but by His Spirit.

Philippians 2:13 “for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

Romans 12:1-2 TM God transforming as our minds are renewed.

1. Everything connected with the 'old life' has to go.

Philippians 3:7-11 TM Jonah knew that those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. Following Christ is a lifelong decision.

2. Allow the Spirit to change the way you think.

Proverbs 4:23

Faith and effort are required for this. Following conviction, comes repentance and the decision made in keeping with God's will and God's word will be worked out in love, faith, and power.

3. Put on the new self; created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. To be transformed in the character Christ means new habits need to be developed.

'Make Your Bed' Admiral W.H. McRaven: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmFwRkl-TTc>

On a daily basis:

- Find likeminded people
- Respect everyone (it takes all and all matter)
- Understand life is not always 'fair'
- Never give up though we may fail often
- Face the bullies
- Life up the down-trodden
- Step up

Philippians 2:12-13 speaks of how we grow after being saved; two part to spiritual growth – our part in working it out and God's part working it in. 'Me' and the Spirit of God – working together. We can't add to what Christ has done but we work with Him to be changed into His likeness, e.g. farmers don't work the land to get it, they work it to develop it.

God has given us a new life; we must develop it – with 'fear and trembling' – with serious intentionality – **on purpose; our third purpose: to be like Christ.**

Taking every thought captive: one of the loveliest testimonies by Mac Gober: 'Biker Testimony – Unchained – KCM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8KgZq6BfWc>

Taking every thought captive and making it obedient to Jesus Christ? This is repentance.

God's part is the initiator in salvation; our part is simple obedience; He then empowers, graces.

The selfless character of Christ is and will always be counterculture.

It is the kindness of God that leads men to repentance – the prodigal son *knew* – he needed to change his thinking and turn around.

Jesus is the disciplined lover of our soul. We are disciplined lovers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JX7NNMKBPsw>

1. LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

2. GREAT COMMISSION

3. BECOMING LIKE JESUS

S:	Key verses:	Philippians 2:12-13
O:	Observation:	What speaks to me
A:	Application:	What do I need to apply
P:	Prayer:	Pray & write it down