

# Disciple: Living in the Image & Likeness of Jesus Christ

**What is God's purpose for His people? What does God want to happen in your life?**

God made humans in His \_\_\_\_\_ so they can \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)** – <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

**When did humans lose their holy and sinless nature? How did all this start?**

Mankind lost their sinless nature when Adam \_\_\_\_\_ and now humans are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:12 & 19 (NLT)** – <sup>12</sup> When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. <sup>19</sup> Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners.

**1 John 3:8 & 10 (NLT)** – <sup>8</sup> But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. <sup>10</sup> So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

**Genesis 2:9 (MEV)** – Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, along with the tree of knowledge of good and evil

**Genesis 2:16-17 (NCV)** – <sup>16</sup> The LORD God commanded him, "You may eat the fruit from any tree in the garden," <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat the fruit from the tree which gives the knowledge of good and evil. If you ever eat fruit from that tree, you will die!"

**Genesis 3:1-7 (GW)** – The snake was more clever than all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must never eat the fruit of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman answered the snake, "We're allowed to eat the fruit from any tree in the garden <sup>3</sup> except the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You must never eat it or touch it. If you do, you will die!'" <sup>4</sup> "You certainly won't die!" the snake told the woman. <sup>5</sup> "God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You'll be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> The woman saw that the tree had fruit that was good to eat, nice to look at, and desirable for making someone wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they both realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves.

**Genesis 3:22-24 (MEV)** – <sup>22</sup> The LORD God said, "The man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. And now, he might reach out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—<sup>23</sup> therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

**Is there a solution to the sin problem? Is there a way we can no longer be like Satan and be holy like God again?**

Jesus Christ is God's image & was made \_\_\_\_\_ to restore the holy and sinless image of God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 1:15(NLT)** – Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. See also John 14:9-10 & Hebrews 1:3

**Romans 8:3 (ESV)** – By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.

**Colossians 3:9-10 (NLT)** – <sup>9</sup> you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. <sup>10</sup> Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (CEB)** – <sup>18</sup> All of us are looking . . . at the glory of the Lord as if we were looking in a mirror. We are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to the next degree of glory. This comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

**When is God's holy and sinless image and likeness restored in me?**

The holy and sinless image of God is restored in me when I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

**Acts 26:16-18 (NCV)** – <sup>16</sup> Stand up! I have chosen you to be my servant and my witness—you will tell people the things that you have seen and the things that I will show you . . . I am sending you to them <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes so that they may turn away from darkness to the light, away from the power of Satan and to God. Then their sins can be forgiven, and they can have a place with those people who have been made holy by believing in me.

**Colossians 1:21-23 (TLV)** – <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and hostile in your attitude by wicked deeds. <sup>22</sup> But now He has reconciled you in Messiah's physical body through death, in order to present you holy, spotless and blameless in His eyes— <sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith . . .

### **What is God's will for my life once I become a believer in Jesus?**

A major step in becoming like Jesus is being \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 6:1-4 (NLT)** – <sup>1</sup> Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup> Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup> Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup> For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

**Colossians 2:11-13 (GW)** – <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised. It was not a circumcision performed by human hands. But it was a removal of the corrupt nature in the circumcision performed by Christ. <sup>12</sup> This happened when you were placed in the tomb with Christ through baptism. In baptism you were also brought back to life with Christ through faith in the power of God, who brought him back to life.

It is God's will for me to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ in every way.

**1 John 2:5-6 (GNT)** – <sup>5</sup> This is how we can be sure that we are in union with God: <sup>6</sup> if we say that we remain in union with God, we should live just as Jesus Christ did.

**1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)** – <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

It is God's will for me to \_\_\_\_\_ so we can \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 28:18-20 (GW)** – <sup>18</sup> When Jesus came near, he spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach them to do everything I have commanded you.

**Acts 9:31 (NIV)** – Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Some will be like Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ as He did.

**Mark 8:34-35 (NIV)** – <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. See also Philippians 3:10 and John 21:18-19.

**Philippians 3:10 (GNT)** – <sup>10</sup> All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of his resurrection, to share in his sufferings and become like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> in the hope that I myself will be raised from death to life.

**John 21:18-19 (NIV)** – <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

### **When will Christ's image and likeness be fully complete in my life?**

At the \_\_\_\_\_ of believers, the discipleship process will be complete because our bodies will be like His immortal body, sinless, and we will reign like Him, which is what God intended back in Genesis 1:26-28.

**Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)** – <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await [patiently wait for] a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who . . . will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

**1 Corinthians 15:49-54 (GNT)** – <sup>49</sup> Just as we wear the likeness of the man made of earth, so we will wear<sup>[a]</sup> the likeness of the Man from heaven . . . when the trumpet sounds, the dead will be raised, never to die again, and we shall all be changed. <sup>53</sup> For what is mortal must be changed into what is immortal; what will die must be changed into what cannot die. <sup>54</sup> So when this takes place, and the mortal has been changed into the immortal, then the scripture will come true: "Death is destroyed; victory is complete!"

**Revelation 22:1-5 (GW)** – <sup>1</sup> The angel showed me a river filled with the water of life, as clear as crystal. It was flowing from the throne of God and the lamb. <sup>2</sup> Between the street of the city and the river there was a tree of life visible from both sides. It produced 12 kinds of fruit. Each month had its own fruit. The leaves of the tree will heal the nations. <sup>3</sup> There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and the lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him <sup>4</sup> and see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night, and they will not need any light from lamps or the sun because the Lord God will shine on them. They will rule as kings forever and ever.