

Following Jesus #3 – Becoming Like Jesus
January 18, 2015 – Romans 6:1-14

There are 3 passages I encourage you to study and reflect on this week in considering our 3rd statement on following Jesus, “I am learning to be like Jesus in my attitudes, behavior and character.”

Romans 6:1-7:6, 2 Peter 1:3-9 & Colossians 3:1-17

In these passages look for these dynamics at work answering the question of how our attitudes, behavior and character is transformed into that of Jesus.

1. Who we are ‘in Christ’ because of God’s gift to us given through trust/faith in Jesus.
2. Changing our mind about how to view ourselves so we agree with what God says about us.
3. Relying upon the Holy Spirit, we work to rid ourselves of our ‘bad’ attitudes, behavior and character, and take on Jesus’ attitudes, behavior and character

Some reflection questions related to the Colossians passage:

- A. How does Paul say we are to grow in our spiritual life, instead of a rule-based approach (ch. 2:16-23)?
- B. What is Paul saying about the Colossian believers in verses 5-7? Are they sinners or saints who still sin?
 - a. Why does this distinction matter to the spiritual growth of the Colossians?
 - b. How would you define yourself?
- C. What part of the list in v. 8-9 is still in your life, or what is the ‘flaw’ in your attitudes, behavior and character you need to ‘put off’ so you can ‘put on’ more of Jesus own character?

Scripture Memorization:

Galatians 2:20, 2 Peter 1:3-9