

## Discipleship 1

### Which Components and Processes Characterize a Disciple?

**Admit that you are a sinner (transgressor to God's will and law), and that only the Lord Jesus Christ can save you from God's punishment.**

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God  
 Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."...  
 Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else [than Jesus], for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.  
 1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed his own blood to pay the penalty (price) for your sins (offences against God), and that Jesus conquered death, rose from the grave and is alive today.**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
 Romans 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.  
 John 5:24 I [Jesus] tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who has sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.  
 John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.  
 Titus 2:14 ...God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness...  
 1 Corinthians 6:20 You are not your own; you were bought at a price.  
 1 Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.  
 Mark 2:10 But that you may know that the Son of Man [Jesus] has authority on earth to forgive sins...

**Repent. Be willing to turn yourself away from sin (evil) and to turn toward God (good) in faith.**

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out...  
 Acts 26:20 ...I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.  
 Acts 17:30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.  
 Mark 1:15 The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!  
 Luke 13:3,5 But unless you repent, you too will all perish.  
 Luke 3:8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. (Galatians 5:22-23)  
 Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

**Pray to God in faith that he by grace will save you; submitting yourself to God by surrendering your life (self-centered ambition...) and personally inviting Jesus to be the leader to all areas of your life.**

1 John 4:15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.  
 Romans 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
 Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. (John 6:28-29)  
 Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (John 10:7,9)

- 1 Peter 5:5-6 God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (James 4:10)
- Romans 6:12-14 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, for you are not under law, but under grace.
- Luke 9:23-24 If anyone would come after me [Jesus], he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

**Abide in God by deciding to remain a disciple (follower) to Jesus and choosing to obey his commands.**

- John 15:10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.
- 2 John 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.
- 1 John 2:6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.
- John 8:31-32 Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- James 1:22,25 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ...But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does. (Psalm 1)

**Prayer: Speak with God through prayer every day to develop your relationship with God.**

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
- John 15:7 If you remain in me [Jesus] and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
- Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

**Read the Bible regularly to further your understanding of God, to personally know Jesus Christ better and to guide you from being deceived.**

- Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.
- Acts 17:11 ..., for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

**Find a congregation where the Bible is deemed as the infallible and inerrant Word of God and as the absolute and final authority. Seek to find a credible fellowship of Christians that daily encourage each other toward righteousness (doing what is right) as accountable disciples.**

- Hebrews 3:12-13 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
- Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day coming.
- John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I [Jesus] have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

**Be baptized in accordance with the instructions from Jesus.**

Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 3:21 ...were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God.

Romans 6:3-4 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Express gratitude joyfully by thanking God with respectful worship and honourable praise.**

1 Chronicles 16:8-9 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 ...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7 ...continue to live in him [Jesus], rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.  
(Psalm 100:4, Psalm 95:1-2)

Matthew 4:10 Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.

Psalm 96:9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Psalm 100:1-2 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

Revelation 15:4 All nations will come and worship before you,...

Psalm 95:6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Hebrews 13:15-16 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Psalm 96:1-2 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.  
(Psalm 150)

**Witness boldly about your faith in Jesus Christ to others and make them into disciples.**

Mark 16:15-16 Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 1:16 I [Paul] am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:

Mark 1:17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given me to me. There fore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## Discipleship 2

### What is the Disciple's Authority: the Word of God, Prophecy or Understanding?

#### The Word of God

John 1:1-5	Word = God = life = light
1 Peter 1:23,25	the Word of God is living and enduring and stands forever
2 Timothy 3:14-17	(16) all Scripture is God-breathed (15) the holy Scriptures make you wise for salvation, through Christ
Hebrews 4:12	the word of God is living and active, sharper than any sword
Ephesians 6:17	the word of God = the sword of the Spirit
Romans 15:4	everything in the Scriptures was written to teach us, encourage and give hope
1 Corinthians 10:11	...written down as warnings for us
John 8:31-32	hold to Jesus teaching = disciples = know the truth = set free
Philippians 2:15-16	shine like stars as you hold out the word of life
Romans 10:17	faith comes from the message, message comes through the word of Christ
Acts 18:28	the Scriptures prove that Jesus is the Christ (John 5:39 Scriptures testify about Jesus)
John 10:35	the Scriptures cannot be broken
Galatians 1:11-12	Paul received the gospel by revelation from Jesus Christ
1 Thessalonians 1:5	the gospel came not simply with words, but also with power, Holy Spirit, conviction
Hebrews 2:2-4	the message spoken by angels was binding + God testified to it by signs, wonders, miracles, gifts of the Holy Spirit
2 Peter 1:20-21	the prophecy of Scripture came about by men who spoke from God by the Holy Spirit

#### Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:1	eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy
1 Corinthians 14:39	be eager to prophesy
1 Thessalonians 5:19-22	do not treat prophecies with contempt
1 Corinthians 14:29-33	2 or 3 prophets should speak, weigh carefully what is said, prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged
1 Corinthians 14:24-25	prophesying will lay the heart bare and convince an unbeliever that he is a sinner so he will worship God
Acts 2:17-18	in the last days, sons + daughters + men + women will prophesy
1 Corinthians 13:2	the gift of prophecy without love = nothing
Deuteronomy 13:1-4	if a false prophet announces a sign/wonder which also takes place, do not listen to him, God is testing you
1 Kings 13:1-32	an old prophet lied about the word of the Lord to the man of God, who was deceived and defied the word of the Lord
Jeremiah 27:14-15	prophesying lies in the name of the Lord, the Lord has not sent them
Jeremiah 29:31-32	prophesied without being sent and led you to believe a lie
Jeremiah 14:14-16	prophets are prophesying lies in my name: false visions, divinations, idolatries, delusions of their own minds
Jeremiah 23:16-32	do not listen to the prophets: false hopes, visions from their own minds, delusions, false dreams, lead my people astray with reckless lies
Ezekiel 13:17	prophesy out of their own imagination
1 John 4:1	test the spirits, many false prophets have gone out into the world
2 Peter 2:1-3	false prophets will introduce destructive heresies and many will follow their shameful ways
Matthew 7:15-23	watch out for false prophets; by their fruit you will recognize them, -prophesy in your name, drive out demons, perform miracles - but are evildoers
Matthew 24:11	many false prophets will appear and deceive many people
Matthew 24:24	false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect
2 Thessalonians 2:3-12	(4) the man of lawlessness sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God

- (9) the coming of the lawless one will be displayed in counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders  
 (11) God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie

### **Understanding & Wisdom**

Proverbs 3:5	trust in the Lord, lean not on your understanding
Proverbs 28:26	he who trusts in himself is a fool
Proverbs 14:12	there is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death
Proverbs 2:1-15	(6) the Lord gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding
Proverbs 9:10	beginning of wisdom = fear of the Lord, understanding = knowledge of the Holy One (Psalms 111:10 good understanding = follow the Lords precepts) (Job 28:28 understanding = to shun evil)
Colossians 2:3	in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
Proverbs 14:33	wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning (Proverbs 17:24 a discerning man keeps wisdom in view)
Proverbs 18:15	the heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, the ears of the wise seek it out
1 Corinthians 3:18-20	wisdom of the world = foolish, the cross = foolishness to the perishing, Christ = the wisdom and power of God, the foolishness of God = wiser than man's wisdom
Ephesians 4:17-21	futility of their thinking/darkened in their understanding/separated from the life of God, because of ignorance of hardening their hearts (Proverbs 10:20 the heart of the wicked is of little value)
Isaiah 5:21	woe to those who are wise/clever in their own eyes/sight

### **Deviation & its consequence**

Matthew 22:29	you are in error = you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God
2 John 7-11	many deceivers, does not continue in the teaching of Christ = does not have God
Hebrews 13:9	do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings
2 Thessalonians 2:15	stand firm and hold to the teachings we [Paul,S,T] passed on to you
Hebrews 2:1	pay more careful attention to what we have heard so that we do not drift away
Ephesians 4:14-15	tossed back and forth/blown here and there by every wind of teaching, cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming
Colossians 2:8	do not be captured by deceptive philosophy
2 Timothy 4:3-4	not put up with sound doctrine, suit their own desires, what their itching ears want to hear
Galatians 2:14	they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel (13) was led astray by hypocrisy
Galatians 1:6-9	deserting Christ/turning to a different gospel, trying to pervert the gospel of Christ - let him be eternally condemned
2 Corinthians 11:3-4	preaches a different Jesus/gospel/spirit = your minds may be led astray
1 Corinthians 15:1-2	hold firmly to the word of the gospel otherwise you have believed in vain
Acts 20:28-30	(30) men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples

## Discipleship 3

### What does the Bible teach about: Love, Faith and Deeds?

#### Love & Deeds

<p>Revelation 2:4-5          Revelation 2:19, 3:1, 3:8          Revelation 3:15-16          John 15:10</p>	<p>you have forsaken your first love - repent and do the things you did at first          I [God] know your deeds...          deeds: neither cold nor hot = lukewarm = spit out of my [God's] mouth          (Matthew 7:21 does the will of God = enter the kingdom of heaven)          if you obey my commands, you will remain in my [Jesus] love</p>
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#### Faith & Deeds

<p>1 John 3:7-10          1 John 2:3-6          John 14:15, 21          John 8:31-32          James 2:17          James 2:20          James 2:26          James 2:24          1 John 2:17          Mark 3:35</p>	<p>(10) anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God          obey his commands = know God          has my [Jesus] commands and obeys them = loves me          does not do what he commands = liar          faith by itself, if not accompanied by action is dead          faith without deeds = useless          faith without deeds = dead          faith + deeds = justified          does the will of God = lives forever          whoever does God's will is my [Jesus] brother/sister/mother          (Matthew 10:37-39 anyone who loves his father/mother/son/daughter more than Jesus = not worthy of Jesus)</p>
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#### Love

<p>1 Corinthians 13:1-13          2 John 6          Galatians 5:22-23          Matthew 7:15-23          John 15:8          John 13:34-35          Mark 12:28-34          Galatians 5:13-14          Matthew 7:12          Galatians 5:6          1 John 2:10          1 John 4:8          1 John 3:11,23          Colossians 3:12-14</p>	<p>(2) faith without love = nothing          Love is: patient, kind          Love: rejoices with the truth, keeps no record of wrongs, never fails          Love always: protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres          Love is not: proud, rude, self-seeking, easily angered          Love does not: envy, boast, delight in evil          Love = to walk in obedience to his commands = to walk in love          the fruit of the Spirit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol          (21) does the will of God = enter the kingdom of heaven          (20) recognize by their fruit (Mark 4:20 produce a crop)          bear much fruit = showing yourselves to be my disciples          Love one another: -then everyone will know that you are my disciples          [Jesus is the standard/referent to Love]          love God with all your heart/soul/mind/strength = most important          love your neighbour as yourself = second most important          (Luke 10:25-37 the parable of the good samaritan)          serve one another in love, love your neighbour as yourself          do to others what you would have them do to you          faith expresses itself through love          loves his brother = lives in the light          does not love = does not know God, God = love          love one another          clothe yourselves with: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience...and over all these virtues put on love</p>
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1 Corinthians 10:24	nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others
Romans 15:1-2	the strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak
Romans 12:9-21	(15) rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn (16) do not be proud, be willing to associate with people of low position (10) honour one another above yourselves
1 John 3:18	love not with words or tongue but with actions and in truth
John 15:12-17	Jesus commands: (12) Love each other as I have loved you. (17) Love each other.

### **Biblical Synonyms to Christian**

Acts 11:25-26	disciples were called Christians [a disciple = a Christian]
Mark 1:16-20	(17) disciples = fishers of men = followers of Jesus
Matthew 28:18-20	disciples make disciples { <u>teaching</u> [not just preaching] them to <u>obey</u> [not just understand] everything I have commanded}
John 8:31-32	disciples = hold to Jesus teaching = know the truth
John 15:8	disciples = bear fruit
John 13:34-35	disciples = love one another

[ a disciple = a Christian = a follower of Jesus = a holder to Jesus teaching  
= bears fruit = loves one another = a fisher of men = a maker of disciples ]

## Discipleship 4

### What does the Bible teach about: Witnessing, Evangelizing and Teaching?

Matthew 28:18-20	go and make disciples of all nations
Mark 16:15	go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation
Mark 13:10	the gospel must be preached to all nations
Matthew 24:12-14	this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations
Mark 1:17	followers of Jesus = fishers of men
Luke 9:57-62	(60) following Jesus = proclaiming the kingdom of God (62) looks back = not fit for service in the kingdom of God (Hebrews 12:2 let us fix our eyes on Jesus)
Luke 9:23-27	(26) if anyone is ashamed of me and my words = Jesus will be ashamed of him (Mark 8:38) (23) must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me
Matthew 10:32-33	acknowledges Jesus before men = Jesus will acknowledge him before the Father in heaven
Romans 1:16	not ashamed of the gospel
2 Timothy 1:8	do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord - join in suffering for the gospel
Mark 8:34-35	whoever loses his life for Jesus and the gospel will save it
Mark 10:29-31	has left [everything] for Jesus and the gospel will receive a hundred times as much and eternal life
2 Timothy 4:2	preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction
2 Timothy 3:16	teach, rebuke, correct & train
Colossians 1:28	proclaim Christ: admonishing and teaching everyone
Philippians 2:21-22	served in the work of the gospel as a son with his father
Philippians 1:27-27	stand firm in the spirit for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you
1 Thessalonians 2:2	dared to tell the gospel in spite of strong opposition
Philippians 4:3	have contended in the cause of the gospel (NIV: loyal yokefellow & worker)

### What does the Bible teach about: Suffering, Perseverance and Hope?

1 Timothy 6:11-12	fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life
2 Timothy 4:7-8	fought the good fight/finished the race/kept the faith = crown of righteousness
Philippians 3:14	press on toward the goal to win the prize
1 Corinthians 9:24-27	run in such a way as to get the prize = go into strict training, do not run aimlessly, beat your body and make it your slave
2 Timothy 2:3-5	endure hardship like a good soldier, compete according to the rules = victor's crown
Philippians 1:29-30	granted on behalf of Christ: to believe & to suffer
Philippians 2:12-13	continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling
Luke 13:24	make every effort to enter through the narrow door
Revelations 2:10	faithful to the point of death = the crown of life
James 1:12	perseveres under trial + has stood the test = the crown of life
James 1:2-4	the testing of your faith develops perseverance
Romans 12:11-12	be joyful in hope + be patient in affliction
Romans 5:3-5	rejoice in suffering: suffering produces perseverance; character; and character, hope
Hebrews 10:35-39	(35) do not throw away your confidence (36) you need to persevere: done the will of God = receive what he has promised
Hebrews 12:1-13	run with perseverance the race marked out for us (2) let us fix our eyes on Jesus (7) endure hardship as discipline (11) discipline produces righteousness and peace
1 Thessalonians 1:3	endurance is inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ
Galatians 6:9-10	let us not become weary in doing good, do not give up
Luke 21:17-19	men will hate you because of Jesus, stand firm = gain life



Matthew 10:22 stands firm to the end = will be saved  
 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 do not lose heart, light/momentary/temporary troubles are achieving for us eternal glory

### **How did Paul and the apostles do?**

Acts 10:42 Jesus commanded us to preach to the people  
 Acts 4:20 we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard  
 1 Corinthians 9:23 I [Paul] do all this for the sake of the gospel  
 (1 Corinthians 9:16-17 Paul is compelled to preach the gospel)  
 Acts 20:24 finish the race & complete the task = testifying to the gospel of God's grace  
 Ephesians 6:19-20 fearlessly make known/declare the gospel, as I should  
 Acts 28:31 boldly and without hindrance Paul preached & taught about Jesus Christ  
 Acts 20:20 have not hesitated to preach anything, have taught publicly and from house to house  
 Luke 9:6 went from village to village, preaching the gospel everywhere  
 Romans 15:20 preached the gospel where Christ was not known  
 Acts 5:42 day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, the apostles never stopped  
 teaching and proclaiming the good news  
 Acts 4:1-4 apostles were speaking/teaching the people - many believed and the number of men grew