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## THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST

(1 Peter 2:21 – 25)

(v21) "For to this were you called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

### 1. TO LIVE AS CHRIST LIVED

He lived for others (Matthew 20:28), and (John 6:38) to do the Father's will.  
Apostle Paul applied it with these words: (Galatians 2:20) "... but Christ lives in me ... "

### 2. TO GROW AS CHRIST GREW

(Luke 2:52) "Jesus increased in wisdom (knowledge), and stature (physically), and in favor with God (spiritually), and man (socially)."  
Our challenge: (2 Peter 3:18) "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus"

### 3. TO THINK AS CHRIST THOUGHT

The challenge is huge because: (Isaiah 55:8-9) "My thoughts are not your thoughts"  
It's the challenge: (Philippians 2:5) "Let this mind be in you ... "

### 4. TO OBEY AS CHRIST OBEYED

(Luke 22:42) "nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."  
For us: (Luke 6:46) "Why do you call Me, 'Lord,' and do not the things which I say?"

### 5. TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVED

(Romans 5:8) "God demonstrates His own love toward us, ... Christ died for us"  
(John 13:34-35) "love one another, as I have loved you" note: (John 14:15)

### 6. TO FORGIVE AS CHRIST FORGAVE

(Colossians 3:13) "even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do"

### 7. TO ENDURE AS CHRIST ENDURED: (Hebrews 12:1-3) "consider Him who endured"

### 8. TO OVERCOME AS CHRIST OVERCAME: (John 16:33) "I have overcome the world"

(Revelation 3:21) "To him who overcomes ... "  
The theme is: To him who overcomes, he will come-over.

### 9. TO FINISH OUR WORK AS CHRIST FINISHED HIS

(John 19:30) "He said, It is finished!"  
Be like Paul: (2 Timothy 4:6-8) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness ... "