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**There is a Desired Outcome**

**in the Life of a Follower of Jesus.**

**Why Follow Jesus?**

Simply this: To Save Your Life.

- From Brokenness.

- From Meaningless.

**So How do we do this?**

Deny our Selves, Take up our Cross, and Follow Jesus!

Lose our lives for Jesus and the Gospel.

**There is an end: Being.**

Point is ***not***, “What do we do?”

It ***is***, “Who are we becoming?”

**Who are Those Who Follow Jesus?**

1. They Bear “The Fruit of the Spirit”. Gal. 5:22-23

2. They Act Like Sheep. John 10:27-28

Sheep Listen.

Sheep are known by God.

Sheep Follow.

Sheep are Safe with the Shepherd.

*Sheep are ok as long as they listen to the right* Shepherd*.*

John 10:10

First Advent: The Lamb of God.

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3. They Love Like Jesus.

John 13:34

Ephesians 5:1

Colossians 3:12-14

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**What are the Means to reach that end?** 2 Pet. 1:3-10

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1. Followers Commit to Follow.

They Believe and Receive Jesus.

John 1:12

2. Followers Commit to Transformation Through Training.

2 Cor 5:17

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