

**Lynn Valley Full Gospel Church**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
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**Text: **Colossians 3:1-11****

**1. God's plan to grow us (the already – not yet)**

- A spiritual journey from babyhood to childhood to maturity

**2. Shaping my heart into Christ's heart**

- Jesus is far more interested in your character growth than He is in what you do

**3. Seeing that God is already working on us**

- Romans 8:28-29
- Your purpose as a Christian is to become like Christ
- Our purpose: To become conformed to His likeness
- Trials and situations and challenges are ordained by God (Romans 5:3-4)
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- Life is about building character
- You can take your character to heaven
- Every problem for a Christian has a loving purpose

**4. How do we know we are growing to be like Jesus?**

- The older we get, the more loving we should become – the more our relationships are marked by love
- The mark of Christ-likeness is the quality and strength of love in our relationships
- How we respond to criticism shows how much we are growing
- Thoughtless words leave lasting wounds
- Romans 13:8-10
- God will use whatever you are going through and use it as another step in your growth in love and progress in transformation.
- Life is about building character in Jesus Christ and until we understand this, life is not going to make sense.

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