Paul in his letter to the Romans, teaches the necessity of six steps of obedience to the good news preached by Jesus...

The passages below contain Paul's words in Romans, and the words of Jesus in the four gospels. Check them out in your own Bible.

1. Hearing Christ's word  
   (Romans 10:8-17, Matthew 7:24).

2. Believing ― having faith  
   (Romans 1:16-17, John 3:16)

3. Repentance from sin  
   (Romans 2:4-5, 6:1-2, Luke 5:31-32)

4. Confessing Christ  
   (Romans 10:8-10, Matthew 10:32)

5. Being baptized  
   (Romans 6:3-4, Mark 16:15-16)

6. Ongoing commitment  

Patience and Self  

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The most frequent object of your impatience may be yourself. If we would be fully rounded as patient people, then we must learn to be patient with ourselves.

Earthbound: We, as Christians, are earth-bound creatures, trapped in space and time, living in a tent of flesh with limitations and weaknesses. Yet we have heavenly ideals and eternal aspirations. Is that not a recipe for extreme frustration unless we understand and manage the situation?

Growing: We are also growing people. This year we are not as spiritually strong and mature as we will be next year. We often see little children frustrated with themselves, and we say, “Never mind, one day you'll be old enough to do that.” We need to see ourselves spiritually in the same light, and be patient with ourselves as we grow in Jesus. "Be patient with all people" says Paul (1Th 5:14). So, whilst we must be patient with everyone else, we must also demonstrate the same patience toward our own selves. How is this done?.