

Growing In Christ

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Text: Colossians 2:1-10

'Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Colossians 2:6-7

Introduction

1. Growth is _____.
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____.
 - c. _____ – oxygen.

2. Growth is also _____.
 - a. The _____ of God.

'Like newborn infants, desire the unadulterated spiritual milk, so that you may grow by it in your salvation.'
1 Peter 2:2
 - b. Discovering and using spiritual _____.

'Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord.'
1 Corinthians 12:4-5
 - c. _____.

'Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.' Colossians 4:2

The Heart of a Godly Leader

1. A _____ for the people.

'For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you.'
(v. 1)
2. A desire to _____ others.

'I want their hearts to be encouraged . . .' (v. 2)

3. A desire for love to _____ the fellowship of believers.

' . . . and knit together by strong ties of love.' (v. 2), NLT
4. A desire for new believers to know who they are in Christ and _____ they have in Christ.

'In Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.' (v. 3)
5. A passion that people stay on track with the Lord.

'I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments'. (vs. 4ff.)

To Grow in Christ You Need:

1. Encouragement and _____.
2. _____ and knowledge.
3. Truth and _____.
4. _____ and gratitude.

Conclusion

1. Spiritual growth is _____ to your walk.
2. Spiritual growth is _____ in your walk.
3. Spiritual growth is an _____ walk!

'But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.' 2 Peter 3:18

Questions for Small Group:

1. Have you made a decision to follow Christ?
2. Are you growing in that relationship with Him?
3. How do you know?
4. What are the evidences?
5. What are you doing today to continue growing?
6. How's it working for you?

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