

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

OCTOBER 4, 11, & 25, 2023

Growing in Christ

II Peter 3:17-18



Theme

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



6. What is your definition of
Spiritual Growth?

ANSWER

Spiritual growth is to become more like Jesus Christ through a transformation of heart, mind, and soul.

Spiritual growth is to mature in Christ through increasing in the knowledge of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Spiritual growth connects one to spiritual development, which focuses on deepening one's relationship with God.

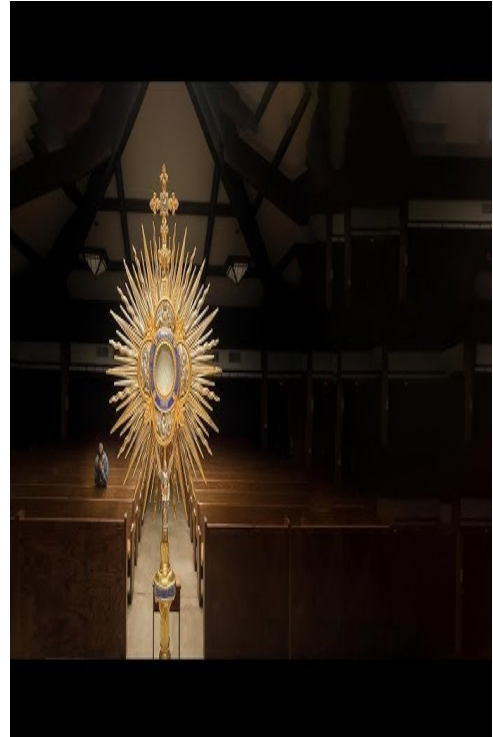
Spiritual growth is maturing in Christ as a disciple by learning more about and leaning into God.

II Corinthians 3:18 (TLB) – Living Bible

But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

TPT

***We can** all draw close to him with the **veil** removed from **our faces**. And with **no veil** we all become like **mirrors** who **brightly** reflect the **glory** of the **Lord Jesus**.*



Yearn for Change
Spend time with God
Start and end day with prayer

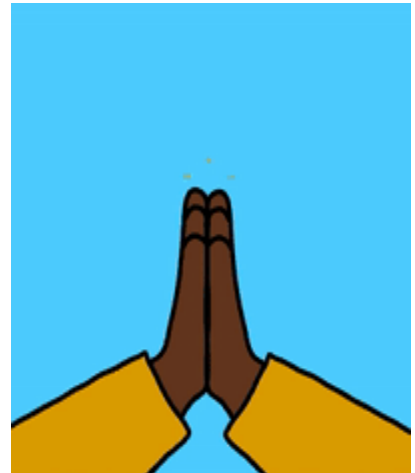
CHANGE
TAKES
TIME



*Spending time
with God when...*



WORRIED: PSALM 27
AFRAID: PSALM 6
SEEKING GOD: PSALM 118
PRAISING GOD: PSALM 181



What stems spiritual growth?

- Parable of Tare and Wheat
Matthew 13:24-43
- Parable of Sower
Matthew 7:24-27
- Salt of the earth
Matthew 5:13



Luke 8:14-15

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.



But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.



Scriptures

Psalm 37:3-5 KJV

*³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. ⁴ **Delight thyself** also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. ⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

I Samuel 12:24 NIV

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

Scriptures

Hebrews 5:14 NIV

14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 6:1 NIV

6 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death,^[a] and of faith in God,

Scriptures

Ephesians 4:13 NIV

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The end result of trial and tribulation is that it leads toward maturity.

James 1:4

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Knowing that God is at work can give us comfort when we face difficulties.

Personal Growth Happens

By
standing
on the
promises
of God

Live by
Faith
day by day

Memorize
Scripture

Even
when you
cannot
see
whether
the
promises
are
coming
true

7. Can you memorize one of these Scriptures? Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:5, or Philippians 4:13 ?

Matthew 6:33 KJV

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



Proverbs 3:5-6



⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths



Philippians 4:13

*I can do **ALL**
things through
Christ which
strengthened
me.*

**I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH
CHRIST**
WHO STRENGTHENS ME

Complete the short survey & develop a personal action plan

The Word of God	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Seldom	Never
	5	4	3	2	1
I make it a habit to memorize Scripture often.					
I spend quality time reading, studying, and meditating on Scripture.					
I participate in Bible Study or Sunday School weekly.					
I pray to God daily.					
I use Scripture for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training.					
Add up each column and provide total					

Growth Action Plan Example

Overall Goal	Achievement Goal	Specific Action	Resources	Measurement	Targeted Start date
Develop a personal growth plan to gain knowledge in The Word of God.	Spend quality time reading, studying, meditating on Scripture, and praying to God.	Spend 15 to 30 minutes daily praying, reading, studying, and meditating on Scripture. Memorize a Scripture each month.	Use a Bible or download a Bible Application on a smartphone. Choose a daily time to pray, read, study, and meditate on Scripture.	Keep a journal or notebook to log how often prayer, reading, studying, or meditating on the Scripture.	October 7, 2023

Set up a Growth Action Plan based on your survey results!

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UNTIL NEXT TIME!!!

