

COME GROW WITH US!

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE BEGINS WITH A BIRTH

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- NEW BIRTH IS WHAT SEPARATES THE GOSPEL FROM RELIGION (JOHN 3:3)
- BUT AFTER NEW BIRTH COMES GROWTH INTO A “NEW MAN” (2 COR. 5:17)
- “IN CHRIST” MEANS TO BE SAVED, REGENERATED, AND GROWING IN SANCTIFICATION

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WHAT IS GROWTH IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE?

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IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE MORE SAVED, MORE PARDONED, OR MORE JUSTIFIED

- IT MEANS LEARNING MORE OF WHAT GOD WANTS THROUGH HIS WORD
 - IT MEANS BEING ABLE TO DO MORE OF WHAT GOD WANTS
 - IT MEANS LIVING MORE OF THE LOVE OF GOD

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EVIDENCE OF GROWTH IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE

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- AN INCREASE IN LOVE (1 COR. 13)
- AN INCREASE OF FAITH (JUDE 3, 4)
- AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOD (COL. 1:10)
- AN INCREASE IN “FRUIT BEARING” (GAL. 5:22-23)

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MEANS THAT GOD USES FOR OUR GROWTH

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- GOD USES HIS WORD (1 PETER 2:2)
- GOD USES TROUBLE AND EXPERIENCES (JAMES 1:2-4)
 - GOD USES PRIVATE DEVOTION TIME
- GOD USES PUBLIC WORSHIP AND SERVICE (HEBREWS 10:25)
 - GOD USES FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS (COMMUNION)

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ARE YOU GROWING SPIRITUALLY?

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- GROWTH IS A SIGN OF LIFE, IT'S SOMETIMES PAINFUL; BUT IT IS ALWAYS GOOD!
 - IF YOU ARE NOT GROWING SPIRITUALLY, WHY NOT?
 - IS THERE UNCONFESSED SIN? THEN CONFESS IT!
 - IS THERE A LACK OF DESIRE? THEN PRAY!
- GOD HAS BROUGHT YOU TO A PLACE OF GROWING – **COME GROW WITH US!**

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