Growing Up Into Him Wed 3/25/2020

 *Spiritual growth comes from the Word.*

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

**2**as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

 *Here we are told how to grow as newborn babes in Christ, it is by taking the unadulterated milk of the Word of God, the pure doctrine of the gospel as recorded in the New Covenant.*

 *We are born of the Word.*

# 1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV)

**23**having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

 *We are born hearing the Word.*

# Romans 10:14 (NKJV)

**14**How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

 *We grow up by hearing and speaking the Word.*

# Ephesians 4:15 (NKJV)

**15**but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

 *Becoming skilled in the Word.*

# 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

**15**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

# Proverbs 4:20-23 (NKJV)

**20**My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.
**21**Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;
**22**For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.
**23**Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

# Ephesians 4:14 (NKJV)

**14**that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

 *Those who play around with false doctrines cannot win eternal life. We need to use the Word as a sword. We don't lack any good thing, we just have undeveloped skills.*

# 2 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)

**3**as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

 *We must mature as a body. There is individual growth.*

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 *There is growth as a body.*

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# Acts 4:1-3 (NKJV)

**4**Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,

**2**being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

**3**And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

# Romans 15:1-7 (NKJV)

**15**We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**2**Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification.

**3**For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.”

**4**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

**5**Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

**6**that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**7**Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

 *One mind, one mouth.*

 *Without love we will not grow.*

# 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

**3**And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

**2**I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it,* and even now you are still not able;

**3**for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?

# Ephesians 4:18 (NKJV)

**18**having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

 *No understanding of spiritual things.*

 *The power to grow must flow through each part of the Body; without love in a part there is a dead spot. to walk out of love is to walk in darkness and live in death.*

# 1 John 2:6-11 (NKJV)

**6**He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

**7**Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

**8**Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

**9**He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

**10**He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

**11**But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

# 1 John 3:14 (NKJV)

**14**We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death.

 *The perfect man, we are no longer children.*

 *3 things that a man puts away from him: childish speaking, childish thinking and understanding like a child. Put away childish things like strange winds of doctrine etc.*

 *Measure of the stature of the fullness of Jesus.*

# Colossians 2:9-10 (NKJV)

**9**For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

**10**and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

 *We are one.*

# 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NKJV)

**12**For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.

**13**For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1cor+12%3A12-27&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28648a)]into one Spirit.

**14**For in fact the body is not one member but many.

**15**If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

**16**And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

**17**If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

**18**But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

**19**And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be?*

**20**But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.

**21**And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

**22**No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

**23**And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty,  **24**but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,

**25**that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.  **26**And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it;* or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it.*

**27**Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.