Growing Up Into Him Wed 10/11/23

Ephesians 4:15 NKJV

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

*Spiritual growth comes from the Word.*

# 1 Peter 2:2 NKJV

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

# *We are born of the Word*.

# 1 Peter 1:23 NKJV

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

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

# Ephesians 4:15 NKJV

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

# *We mature on the Word by becoming skillful in the Word.*

# Ephesians 4:14-15 NKJV

# 14that 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,

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

# Hebrews 5:13-14 NKJV

# 13For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

# 14But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is,* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

# *Using it as a sword. We don’t lack anything, just underdeveloped skills. We must mature as a body. There is individual growth*

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

# *There is growth as a body.*

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# Acts 4:32 NKJV

# 32Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

# 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.

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

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

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

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

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

# 7Therefore 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.

# 2I 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;

# 3for 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

# 18having 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

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

# 7Brethren, 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.

# 8Again, 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.

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

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

# 11But 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

# 14We 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.*

# 1 Corinthians 3:11 NKJV

# 11For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

# *Put away childish things (winds of doctrines etc). Measure of the statue of the fullness of Jesus.*

# Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV

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

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

# *We are one.*

# 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 NKJV

# 12For 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.

# 13For 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 into one Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 21And 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.”

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

# 23And 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,

# 24but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,

# 25that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

# 26And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it;* or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it.*

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