

Growing and Maturing IN CHRIST



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“Growing and Maturing in Christ”

Colossians 2:1-10
Pastor Jimal Shepard
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1. Falsehood is _____ in Jesus

“For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:1-3 (ESV), Ephesians 4:11-14, Colossians 2:4, 13-15

2. _____ Jesus is the True Journey

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:6-7(ESV), 1 Corinthians 3:6, Hebrews 5:13-14, 1 Corinthians 13:11, Luke 2:52, Proverbs 1:7

3. Ultimate Truth is _____ Found in Christ

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.” Colossians 2:8-10 (ESV), 1 John 4:2, 2 John 1:7

Grow and Mature in Christ.

1. Read your Bibles! (Acts 17:11)
2. Test Every Thought (2 Corinthians 10:5)
3. Study Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15)



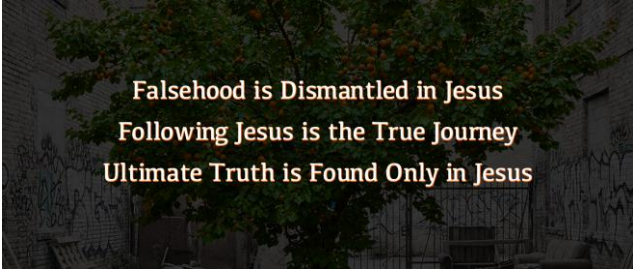
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LifeGroup lessons

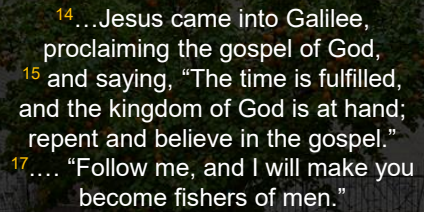


Weekly Enews



Falsehood is Dismantled in Jesus
Following Jesus is the True Journey
Ultimate Truth is Found Only in Jesus

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¹⁴...Jesus came into Galilee,
proclaiming the gospel of God,
¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel."
¹⁷.... "Follow me, and I will make you
become fishers of men."

Mark 1:14-15, 17 (ESV)

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Repent
Believe
Follow

3



I Falsehood is Dismantled in Jesus

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¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love,

Colossians 2:1-3 (ESV)

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to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3 (ESV)

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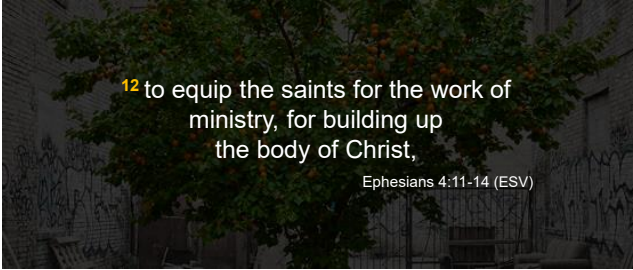
**Full assurance
of understanding**

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¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

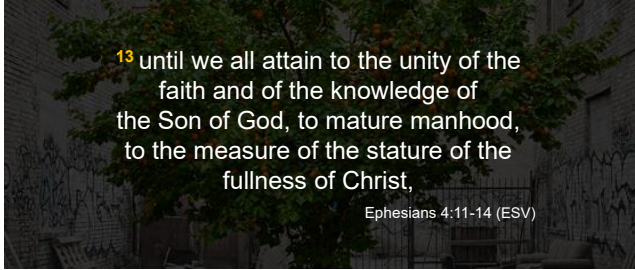
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¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

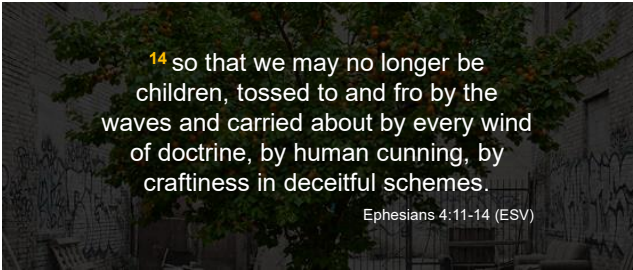
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¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

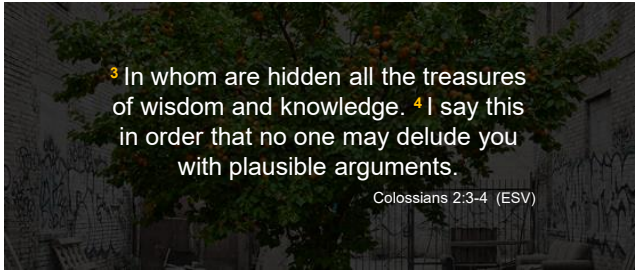
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¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:11-14 (ESV)

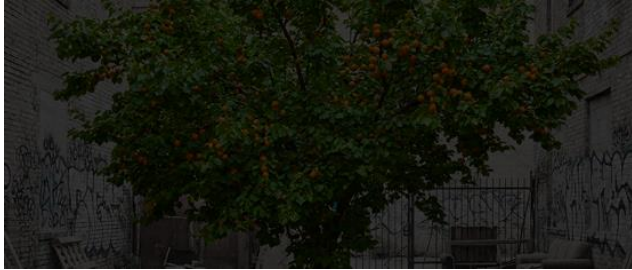
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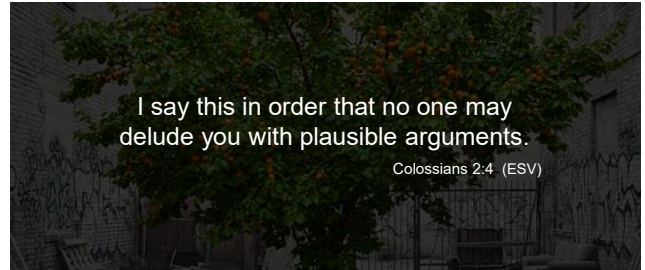
³ In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

Colossians 2:3-4 (ESV)

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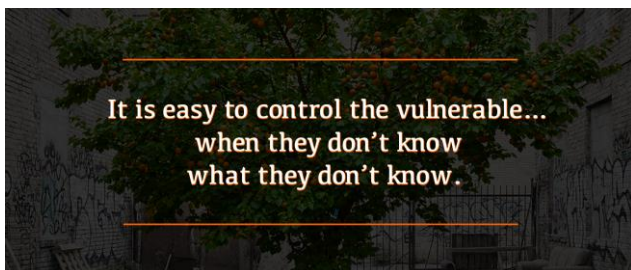
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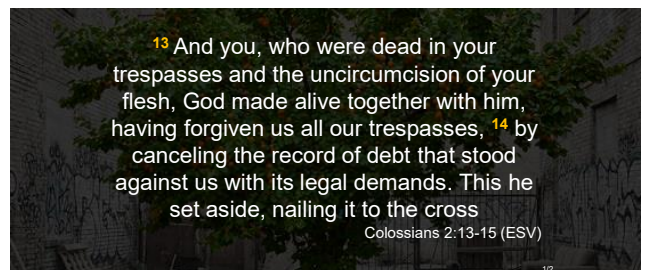
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delude you with plausible arguments.

Colossians 2:4 (ESV)



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It is easy to control the vulnerable...
when they don't know
what they don't know.



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¹³ And you, who were dead in your
trespasses and the uncircumcision of your
flesh, God made alive together with him,
having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by
canceling the record of debt that stood
against us with its legal demands. This he
set aside, nailing it to the cross

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

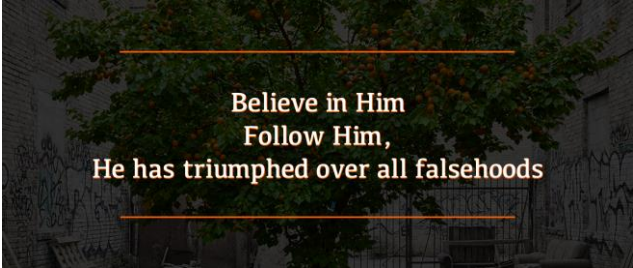


¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and put them to open shame, by
triumphing over them in him.

Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)

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Believe in Him
Follow Him,
He has triumphed over all falsehoods

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2 Following Jesus is the
True Journey

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6-7
Means nothing

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⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV)

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Belief should match practice

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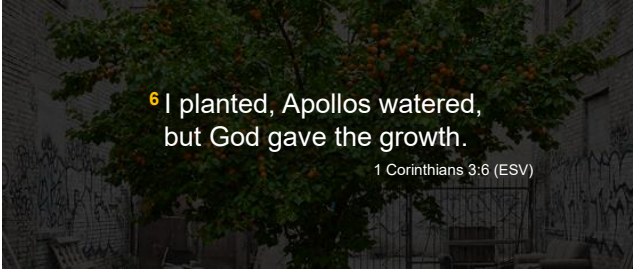
- walking
- lifestyle
- daily, lived out practices

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“Faith without works is dead”

(James 2:17)

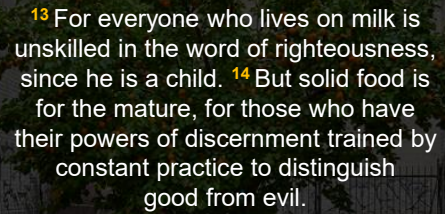
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⁶ I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:6 (ESV)

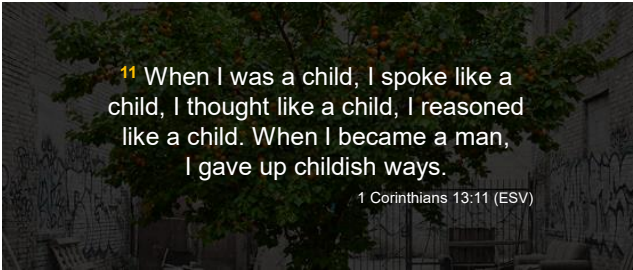
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¹³ For everyone who lives on milk is
unskilled in the word of righteousness,
since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is
for the mature, for those who have
their powers of discernment trained by
constant practice to distinguish
good from evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14 (ESV)

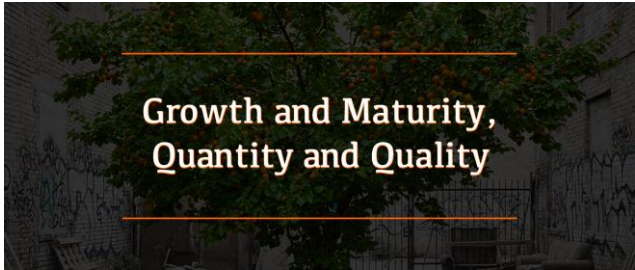
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¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a
child, I thought like a child, I reasoned
like a child. When I became a man,
I gave up childish ways.

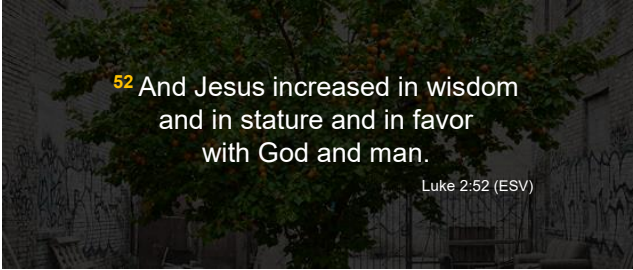
1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

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**Growth and Maturity,
Quantity and Quality**

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52 And Jesus increased in wisdom
and in stature and in favor
with God and man.

Luke 2:52 (ESV)

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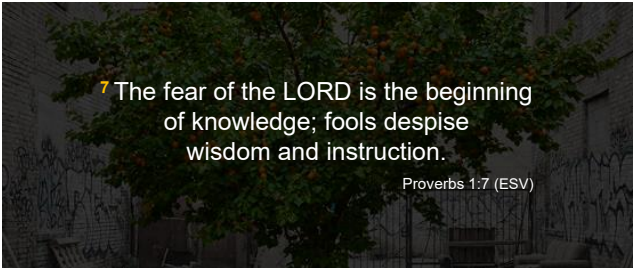
**Jesus showed both
growth and maturity**

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**God was setting me up,
for growing me up**

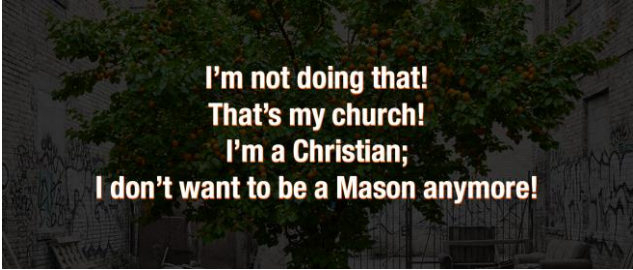
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7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of knowledge; fools despise
wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)

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I'm not doing that!
That's my church!
I'm a Christian;
I don't want to be a Mason anymore!

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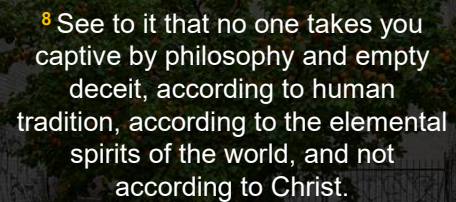
I claimed Christ because
He claimed me

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3 Ultimate Truth is Only Found
in Christ

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⁸ See to it that no one takes you
captive by philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human
tradition, according to the elemental
spirits of the world, and not
according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8-10 (ESV)

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⁹ For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.”

Colossians 2:8-10 (ESV)

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He is both God and man
Fully God and fully man
100% God and 100% man!

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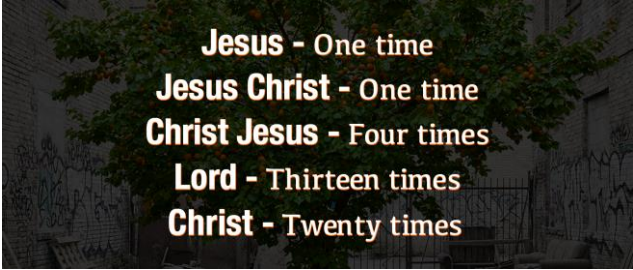
Divine and Human

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“The entire fullness and sum total of deity inhabits the Son, who has added to himself a human nature.”

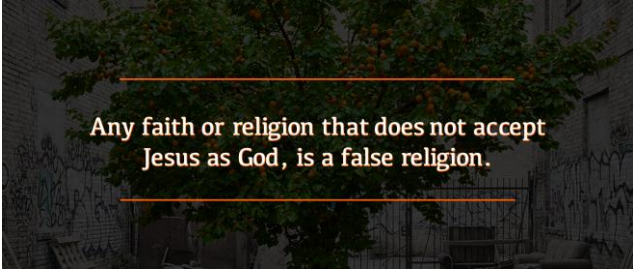
- Stephen J. Wellum

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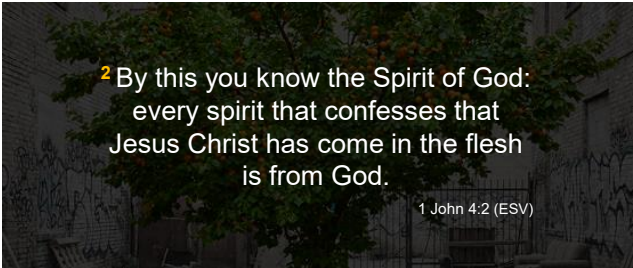
Jesus - One time
Jesus Christ - One time
Christ Jesus - Four times
Lord - Thirteen times
Christ - Twenty times

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Any faith or religion that does not accept
Jesus as God, is a false religion.

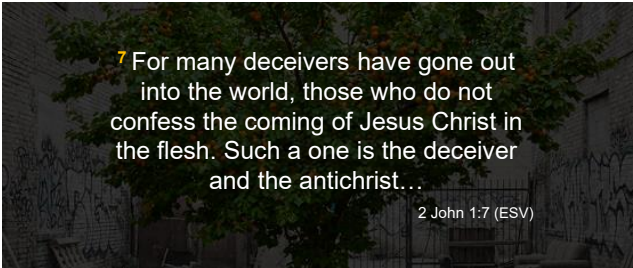
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² By this you know the Spirit of God:
every spirit that confesses that
Jesus Christ has come in the flesh
is from God.

1 John 4:2 (ESV)

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⁷ For many deceivers have gone out
into the world, those who do not
confess the coming of Jesus Christ in
the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver
and the antichrist...

2 John 1:7 (ESV)

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