



# ConnectChurch

**Mid-Week Bible Study:**

**“Becoming All God Wants You To Be”**

**Lesson Two: “Growing in Christ”**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

# Series: "Becoming All God Wants You To Be"

## Recap from Week One:

- God's General Will
- God's Specific Will

Requirement One: Walk Worthily

Requirement Two: Walk Fruitfully

Requirement Three: Withstand Mightily

Requirement Four: Wait Joyfully

Requirement Five: Worship Thankfully

## Lesson Two ... Growing In Christ Colossians 2:1-7 (NASB)

For I want you to know how great a **struggle** I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth <sup>3</sup>that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. <sup>5</sup>For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

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- Becoming all God wants us to be requires each of us to GROW Continually
  - Growing Continually means we GROW without stopping

- Growing Continually means we GROW as long as we live
  - Growing Continually means we GROW Indefinitely without Interruptions
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- Paul yearned for (had a deep compassion) for every believer to GROW in Christ
- Paul had a love for the whole church not just the ones he knew personally. Paul also had a desire for everyone to GROW in Christ.
- Four Elements found in this passage to Grow in Christ:

**A. Comfort (Colossians 2:2a)** “that their hearts may be encouraged”

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**B. Connection (Colossians 2:2b)** “having been knit together in love”

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**C. Confidence (Colossians 2:2c-5)**

- “that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*”
  - “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”
  - “I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument”
  - For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing <sup>(a)</sup>to see <sup>(a)</sup>your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ
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**D. Christian Conduct (Colossians 2:6-7)**

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**Scripture Support on Growing Spiritually:  
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE (NASB)**

- **2 Peter 3:18** “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”
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- **Hebrews 6:1-2** “Therefore leaving the <sup>(a)</sup>elementary teaching about the <sup>(b)</sup>Christ, let us press on to <sup>(c)</sup>maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.”
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- **James 1:2-4** “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various <sup>(a)</sup>trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces <sup>(b)</sup>endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let <sup>(c)</sup>endurance have *its* perfect <sup>(d)</sup>result, so that you may be <sup>(e)</sup>perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”
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- **1 Peter 2:1-2** “Therefore, putting aside all <sup>(a)</sup>malice and all deceit and <sup>(b)</sup>hypocrisy and <sup>(c)</sup>envy and all <sup>(d)</sup>slander, <sup>2</sup> like newborn babies, long for the <sup>(e)</sup>pure <sup>(f)</sup>milk of the word, so that by it you may grow <sup>(g)</sup>in respect to salvation,”
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- **Ephesians 4:15** “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness <sup>(a)</sup>in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but <sup>(b)</sup>speaking the truth in love, <sup>(c)</sup>we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together <sup>(d)</sup>by what every joint supplies, according to the <sup>(e)</sup>proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”
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