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— IN CHRIST —

Are You Growing?

2 Peter 3:18

Some misconceptions about spiritual growth:

- A. Spiritual growth doesn't lead to salvation; it's the outworking of salvation.
- B. Our growth in grace doesn't cause God to love us more.
- C. Spiritual growth happens over time, but it's not automatic.

Salvation

Sanctification

Glorification

2 Cor. 3:18

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Some misconceptions about spiritual growth:

- D. Spiritual growth is much more than Bible knowledge.
- E. Spiritual growth is not measured by religious activity.
- F. Spiritual growth is not marked by material prosperity.

In order to grow spiritually, you must ...

1. Purposefully remove hindrances to growth.
2. Actively foster conditions that lead to growth.
3. Keep your focus on Jesus—our Savior and Lord.
4. Recognize how desperately you need God's grace to grow.

Heb. 12:1-2

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

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