

LESSONNOTES

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JUST PASSING THROUGH

Brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready. *1 Corinthians 3:1 – 2*

Why do we need to grow in the Christian life?

1. So we will have the strength to endure trouble.

"The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word." *Jesus in Mark 4:16 – 17*

2. So we will appreciate God's best.

"My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."

Jesus in John 10:10

You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. *1 Peter 2:2 – 3*

Where do we need to grow in the Christian life?

1. We are to grow mentally by thinking clearly.

So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.

1 Peter 1:13

"Give me the wisdom and knowledge to lead."

2 Chronicles 1:10

"So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear."

1 Peter 1:13 (MSG)

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 14:12

So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.

1 Peter 1:14

"I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You."
Psalm 119:11

Mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, Who is the head of His body, the church.

Ephesians 4:13 – 15

2. We are to grow morally by being holy.

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God Who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."
1 Peter 1:15 – 16

Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.
Ephesians 5:3

- **We want to be like God.**

You must be holy because I am holy.
1 Peter 1:16

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children.
Ephesians 5:1

- **We fear judgment.**

And remember that the heavenly Father to Whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time as "foreigners in the land."
1 Peter 1:17

- **We know the emptiness of unholy living.**

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors.
1 Peter 1:18

- **We appreciate the cost of Jesus' sacrifice.**

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but

He has now revealed Him to you in these last days. Through Christ you have come to trust in God. And you have placed your faith and hope in God because He raised Christ from the dead and gave Him great glory.

1 Peter 1:18 – 21

3. We are to grow socially by deeply loving one another.

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

1 Peter 1:22

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Philippians 2:3 – 4

As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the Word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you."

1 Peter 1:24 – 25

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

1 Peter 2:1 – 3

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