

**“...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.”**

II Peter 3:18

GROWING IN CHRIST

The Biblical Importance of Growing

The Biblical Foundation for Growing

Salvation by grace through faith!

The Dangers of Not Growing

BEWARE OF THE SINKHOLE

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Growing in Christ: The Goal

We are to grow in Christ-likeness,
being conformed to His character,
bearing fruit and
growing in good works

***“But I can’t do it!
It’s too hard!
It’s asking too much!!!”***

God's Provision For Our Growth: In The Past...

- New Life in Christ! Eph. 2:1-5;
II Cor. 5:17
- New Potential in Christ, Romans
6:4.
- New Freedom In Christ! Romans
6:6-7, 17-18, 22.

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- New “Perspective” In Christ:
Romans 6:11.

- New Position in Christ!

“In The Spirit”...not “in the flesh,”

Romans 8:6-9

“In Christ,” no longer in Adam,
I Corinthians 15:22

God's Provision For Our Growth:

NOW!!!....

- New Power in Christ!
 - ✓ Ephesians 3:20-21
 - ✓ Philippians 2:13; 4:13
 - ✓ II Peter 1:2-3

Because of Christ's work
on the cross,
and His resurrection,
as it has been applied to us,
and the indwelling Holy Spirit,
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MATTHEW 7:24-27

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CONFLICTING WORLDVIEWS:

- Matthew 16:21-23
- Colossians 3:1-5, 12ff

V. 5. Therefore consider your members to be dead concerning **the things that are on earth:** immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

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- James 3:13-18

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW...

Let the word of Christ
richly dwell within you,
with all wisdom teaching and
admonishing one another with
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with thankfulness
in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



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