

**“...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 Goal...

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

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- Abide in Christ, John 15:1-16
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I Timothy 4:7

**“Discipline
yourself
toward
godliness**

II Peter 1:3

**“Seeing that His
divine power
has granted to
us everything
pertaining to life
and
godliness!”**



Ken Boa:

“If we applied the same zeal
in our walk with the Lord
that we use in our sports and hobbies,
many of us would be
farther along the course.

It takes time and discipline to "run with
endurance the race that is set before us,"
but this discipline must be set in a context
of dependence upon the Spirit of Christ
who indwells us and
enables us to run in His victory.

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- Baptism!
- “Latreia Living” ↔
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Service that is performed
as an act of Worship

Worship that is expressed
in acts of Service.

WORSHIP-SERVICE

Ephesians 4:1-16

Have
Meaningful Encounters
With One Another

Body-Life,
Community

God's Plan for Growth Through Community, Eph. 4:1-16

- Preserve the Essential Foundation of Unity, 1-10.
- God gave gifts to all, 7-8.
- God gave certain gifted men to the Church, 11.

Evangelists and Pastor-Teachers

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- Those gifted men equip the saints, 12.
- Then, those equipped saints do the work of the ministry, 12.
- **Then** (as a result of the equipped saints doing the work of the ministry) **the Body of Christ is built up!**

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What does the “building up of the
Body of Christ” look like?

- ✓ The unity of the faith, 13
- ✓ The knowledge of the Son of
God, 13.
- ✓ A mature man, 13

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Body of Christ” look like?

- ✓ The measure of the stature
which belongs to the fullness of
Christ, 13.
- ✓ We are no longer children, 14.

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What does the “building up of the
Body of Christ” look like?

- ✓ We become doctrinally stable,
14.
- ✓ We speak the truth in love, 15.
- ✓ We grow up in all aspects into
the Head which is Christ, 15

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What does the “building up of the
Body of Christ” look like?

- ✓ The **whole Body**...by what **every joint supplies**, according to the proper working of **each individual part**, causes the growth of the Body, **building itself up in love, 16**

The Body of Christ
needs the effective working
of each individual part
to grow!

Each part needs to be serving...
And being served by...

The Body,
If each PART is to grow to maturity.

**WE DO NOT GROW
IN ISOLATION!**

Consider I Corinthians 12...

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And being served by...

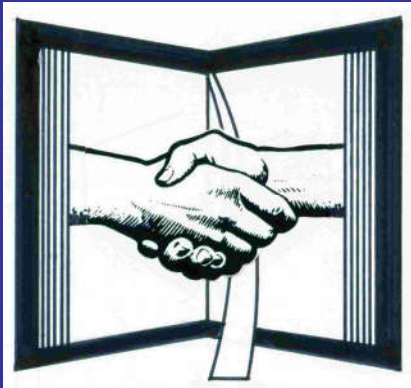
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