

ROOTED

Growing into Maturity

- I. The New Testament shows a _____ for followers of Jesus to grow into _____ maturity.**
 - A. Paul the Apostle says this was a _____ of his ministry (Col 1:28-29)

- II. There are many things that can hinder our _____ journey of growing into spiritually mature believers.**
 - A. Gratifying the desires of our _____ hinders our growth.
 - 1. Galatians 5:16-20
 - B. Our personal _____ can hinder spiritual growth.
 - 1. worldly habits and lifestyles (Eph 4:22-24; Lk 9:62)
 - 2. unconfessed sin (1 Jn 1:9)
 - 3. unforgiveness (Matt 6:15)
 - 4. worldly thinking and worldview (Rom 12:2)
 - C. Contemporary _____ discourages spiritual maturity.
 - 1. John 17:14-19; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
 - D. _____ influences may not encourage maturity.
 - 1. A lack of _____ among the body of Christ
 - a) Hebrews 10:24-25
 - 2. A lack of biblical _____ and _____
 - a) 2 Peter 2:1; Acts 20:30; Hebrews 5:12-14

III. What is spiritual maturity?

- A. Hebrews 6:1 - "...let us press on to maturity..."
- 1. Greek word, *Teleios* means: mature, complete, fully developed, fully grown, not lacking, finished
- B. Spiritual maturity is a process that _____ when a person accepts Jesus Christ as Savior. They are born again of the _____, live a committed life "in Jesus", and for Jesus.
- C. Spiritual maturity is growing up into _____. This means they are a stable, capable follower of Jesus whose character, gifts, and spiritual fruit have been (and continue to be) developed for a life of service, worship, and glorifying God.
- D. A mature believer has been, and continues to be, shaped by the indwelling Holy Spirit in all areas of their life.

IV. Jesus is our _____ and _____ of the Christian life.

A. Christ our example: 1 Peter 2:21; 1 John 2:6

B. Jesus was fully human:

1. born of a human mother (Matthew 1:23)
2. as a boy he obeyed his parents (Luke 2:51)
3. He grew up physically and relationally (Luke 2:42)
4. experienced hunger (Matt 21:18) & thirst (John 19:28)
5. experienced temptation (Matthew 4:1)
6. He wept (John 11:35) and was troubled (John 11:33)
7. experienced pain, suffering, and death (Matthew 16:21)
8. He became mature through His suffering (Hebrews 5:8-9)

C. Jesus _____ with our weakness (Hebrews 4:15)

D. Jesus was made human, like us, to be the _____ of our salvation. (Hebrews 2:10)

1. Greek word used for “pioneer” is *archegos*
2. The term is used to refer to someone who blazes a trail so that those who follow will reach the same destination.

Looking Ahead:

1. What from this weeks message, stood out to you?

2. What do you think is the greatest hindrance to the spiritual growth of most Christians? Explain.

3. Can you recall a time when your spiritual growth was hindered? How was it challenged? How did you recover?

4. Read Galatians 5:13-26. What can we learn from this scripture concerning maturing in Christlikeness both as individuals and corporately, as a church?

5. How would you describe your spiritual growth and maturity? Identify and list any areas of needed growth.

6. How do you think your answers to question 5, has affected how you see and feel about:
 - Your relationships with others?

 - How you see your relationship with God?

 - How do you feel about His presence and care in your life?

This weeks scripture reading:			
Oct. 5 - Monday	Proverbs 1	Psalm 1-4	
Oct. 6 - Tuesday	Proverbs 2	Psalm 5-7	
Oct. 7 - Wednesday	Proverbs 3	Psalm 8-9	
Oct. 8 - Thursday	Proverbs 4	Psalm 10-12	
Oct. 9 - Friday	Proverbs 5	Psalm 13-17	
Oct. 10 - Saturday	Proverbs 6	Psalm 18	
Oct. 11 - Sunday	ROOTED week two:		

When you journal remember SOAP:

Scripture - One verse that spoke to me. (write it out & its reference)

Obervation - General observations concerning my verse.

Application - What God might be saying to me, through this verse?

Prayer - My prayer, concerning the application of this verse (summarize it)

Please share with Pastor Jacob what God has been saying to you, teaching you, or a testimony that you may have during this season.

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. deep concern spiritual
 - A. central goal
- II. life long
 - A. sinful nature
 - B. backgrounds
 - C. society
 - D. 'Christian'
 - 1) seriousness
 - 2) teaching learning
- III.
 - B. begins Holy Spirit
 - C. Christlikeness
- IV. example pioneer
 - C. empathizes
 - D. pioneer