

## GROW IN GOD 2

1 Thessalonians 5: <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify<sup>[s]</sup> you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.

Ephesians 4: <sup>11</sup>And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the <sup>[e]</sup>edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

### 1. What is Biblical perfection?

Ephesians 4: <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Biblical perfection: means **brought to completion**, not without flaws

Hebrews 12: <sup>2</sup>looking unto Jesus, the <sup>[a]</sup>author and <sup>[b]</sup>finisher of *our* faith,

### 2. The Notion of Resembling Christ

Ephesians Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) 4: <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving,<sup>[e]</sup> in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ.

- Every one of us are being trained for something special,

John 10: <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

### 3. What is my measuring stick?

**Ephesian 4:** <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children

**1 Corinthians 3:** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup>for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and <sup>4</sup>behaving like *mere* men?

### The opposite of a Baby:

**James 1:**<sup>19</sup> <sup>19</sup>So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup>for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

- Swift or quick to hear
- Slow to speak

**Proverbs 29:** <sup>11</sup>A fool vents all his feelings,<sup>12</sup>  
But a wise *man* holds them back.

- Be slow to wrath or get angry,

**Proverbs 15:** <sup>18</sup>A wrathful man stirs up strife,  
But *he who is* slow to anger allays contention.

**Proverbs 16:** <sup>32</sup>*He who is* slow to anger *is* better than the mighty,  
And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.