

Series: The Mission of God's People
I'M ON GOD'S MISSION
Sunday 22nd May 2022

Foundation scriptures:

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV): "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen."

Hebrews 6:1 (NKJV): "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,"

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV): "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen."

Romans 1:5 (NKJV): "Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,"

Jeremiah 1:4-8 (NKJV): "Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Then said I: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD."

Grow!

2 Peter 3:18 in the New King James version says: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen."

The best indication of growth is maturity.

'Grow' is the Greek word 'auxano', which means 'to become bigger and size and maturity'.

Hebrews 6:1-3 in The Message translation says: "So come on, let's leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on "salvation by self-help" and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we'll stay true to all that. But there's so much more. Let's get on with it!"

There are two types of growth: growing old and growing up.

Maturity, translated in Greek, is the word 'teleiotes', which means 'completion' or 'consummation', as it is built on what has preceded it, and supports the stage that must come next.

Let us 'grow up' to maturity!

We Are Commissioned!

The mission of God is the salvation of souls.

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The proof of maturity is that we have been commissioned.

How do you know a child is matured? They feed themselves, and then others.

We have been commissioned by God.

Who will say they are in the Kingdom because of you?

It is a Privilege to be Sent

Romans 1:5 in the New Living Translation says: "Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name."

Sometimes we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we forsake the mission of God.

However, when you do the mission of God, you make **God's** business **your** business.

As a result, God will make **your** business **His** business, because you have sought His Kingdom first.

"Nobody comes to Christ by explanation; they come to Christ by revelation." Pastor David Adabale, New Wine Church London.

Lastly...

There are people to whom you have been sent, as part of God's Mission for your life.

Someone prayed you and I into the kingdom...

Make it your mission to pray family members and friends who haven't received Christ, into the Kingdom.