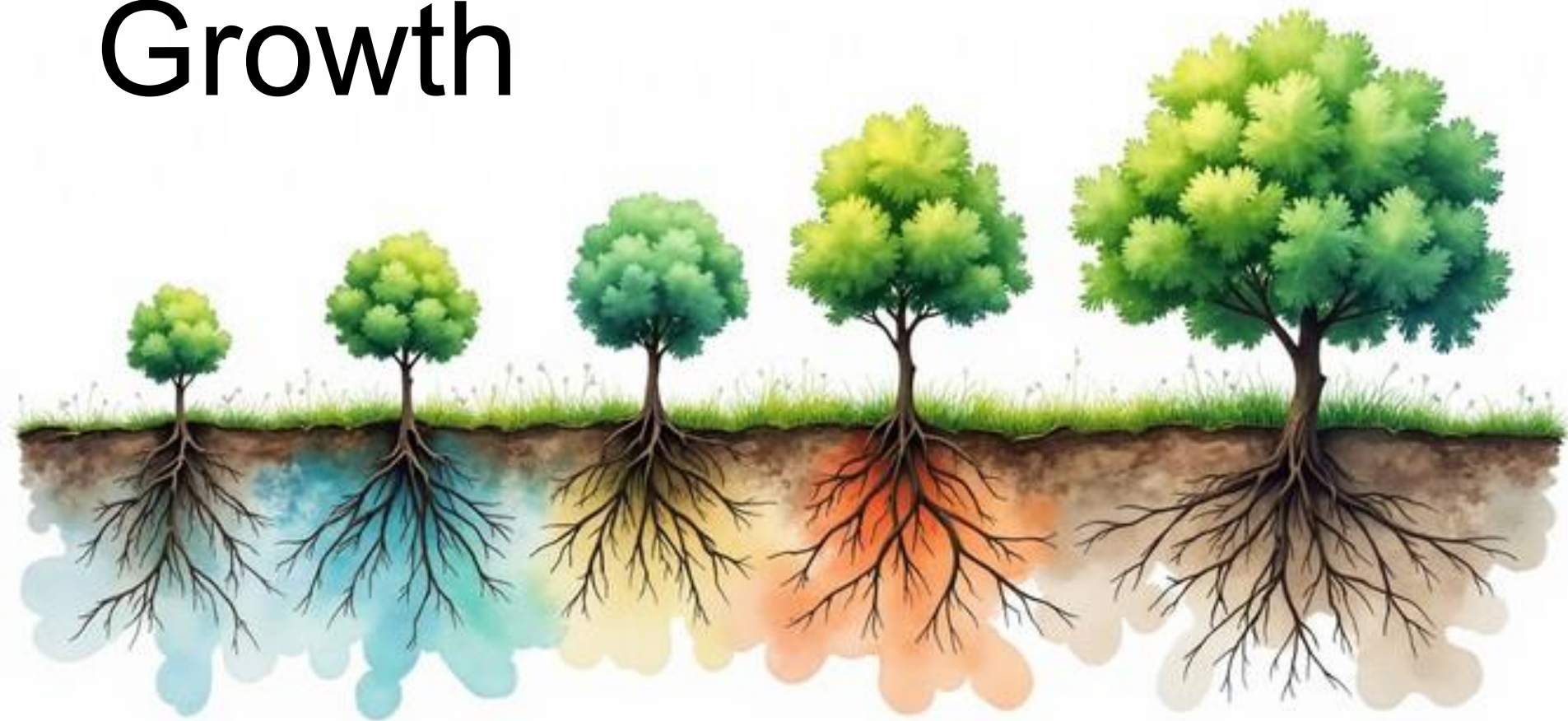


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

- Recap
- Central Question
- Old vs New
- Word of the Day
- Position and Condition
- Know/Be/Do

Course Preview

- 1: Introduction / Overview
- 2: Complete in Him
- 3: Appropriation
- 4: Understanding the Cross
- 5: The Atmosphere of Growth
- 6: Walking by Faith





VS



This is NOT

- A guilt-trip
- A “how-to” manual/checklist
- A 12-step program
- About trying harder
- A class you graduate from
- A quick fix

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

This IS

- A look at how God transforms His people
 - Begins with your identity
- toward
- Becoming more like Him

Growth Sequence

- Know
- Be
- Do



Know

Who you are
and what you
have in Christ



2 Peter 1:3

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence

Be

Empowered
that you have
all the tools
necessary to
live out the
gospel and
glorify God



Do

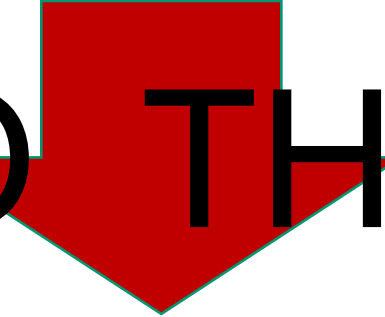
Hebrews 4:11



"Let us
therefore be
diligent to
enter His rest"

Colossians 1:9-11 Flow

“may be filled with the knowledge
of His will in all spiritual wisdom
and understanding”

SO  THAT

“you will walk in a manner worthy
of the Lord, pleasing to Him”

Results of the Worthy Walk



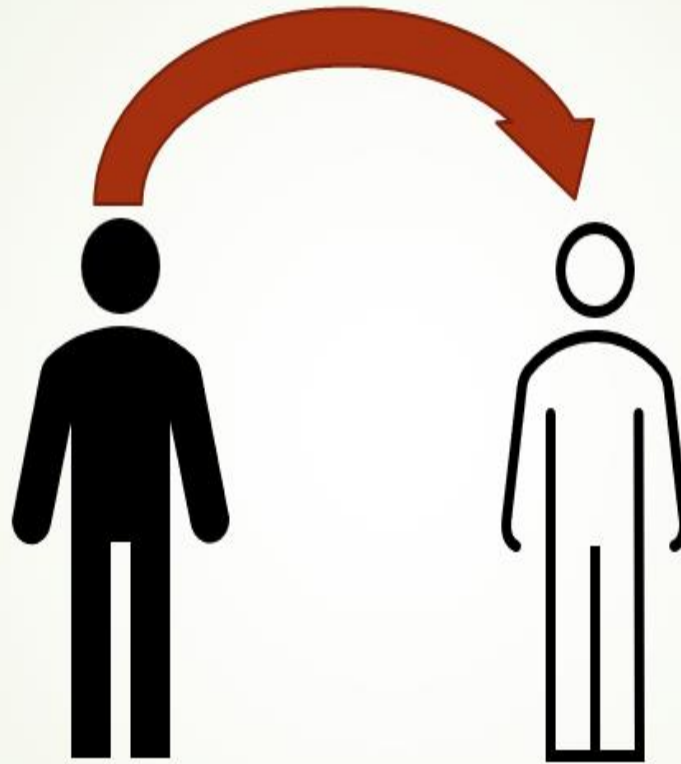


**What changed when you
became a Christian?**

2 Corinthians 5:17

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“in Adam”

“in Christ”

Life Source

“Life can be no better than its root, its source”



Source: Adam

Genesis 5:3

³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

Source: Adam

Romans 5:19

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners...

Source: Adam

Romans 7:18

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

Contrast: Adam / Christ

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47

⁴⁵ The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit... ⁴⁷

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

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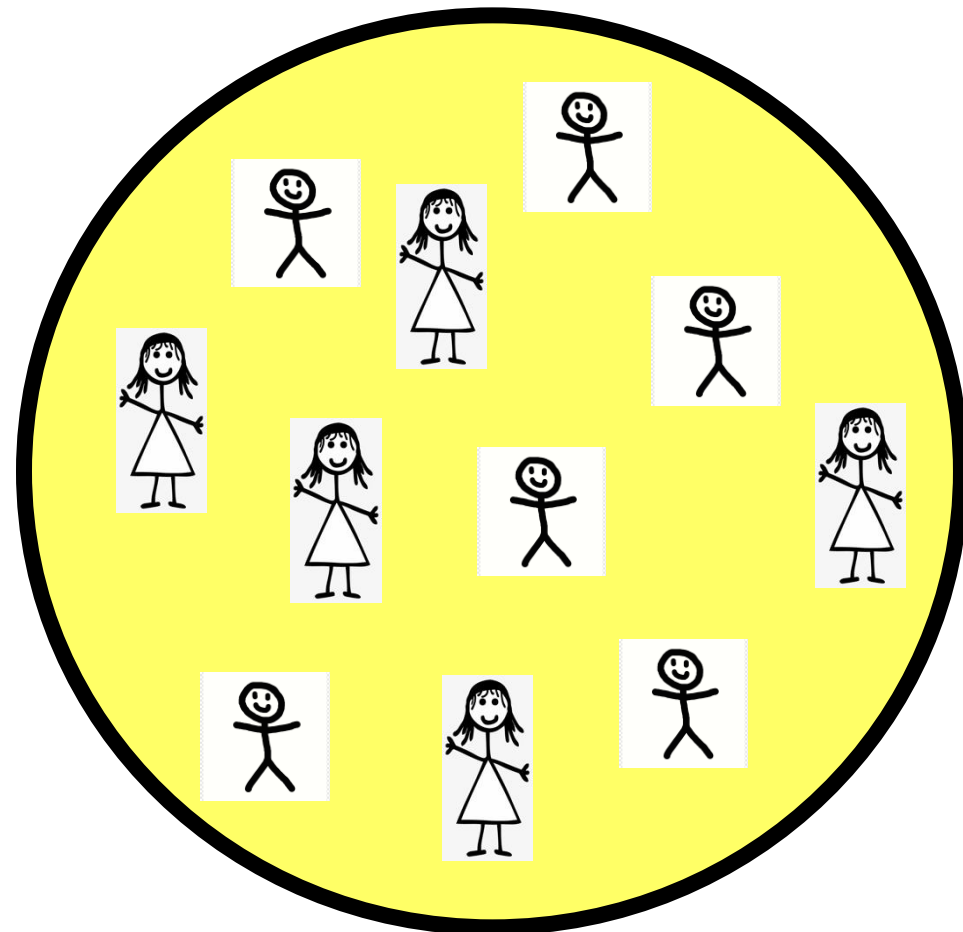
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OUR
IDENTITY
IN CHRIST

Identity / Position

- In Christ (Jesus)
 - In Him
 - In Whom
 - In the Beloved
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- NT – 165 times
 - Paul: ~90%

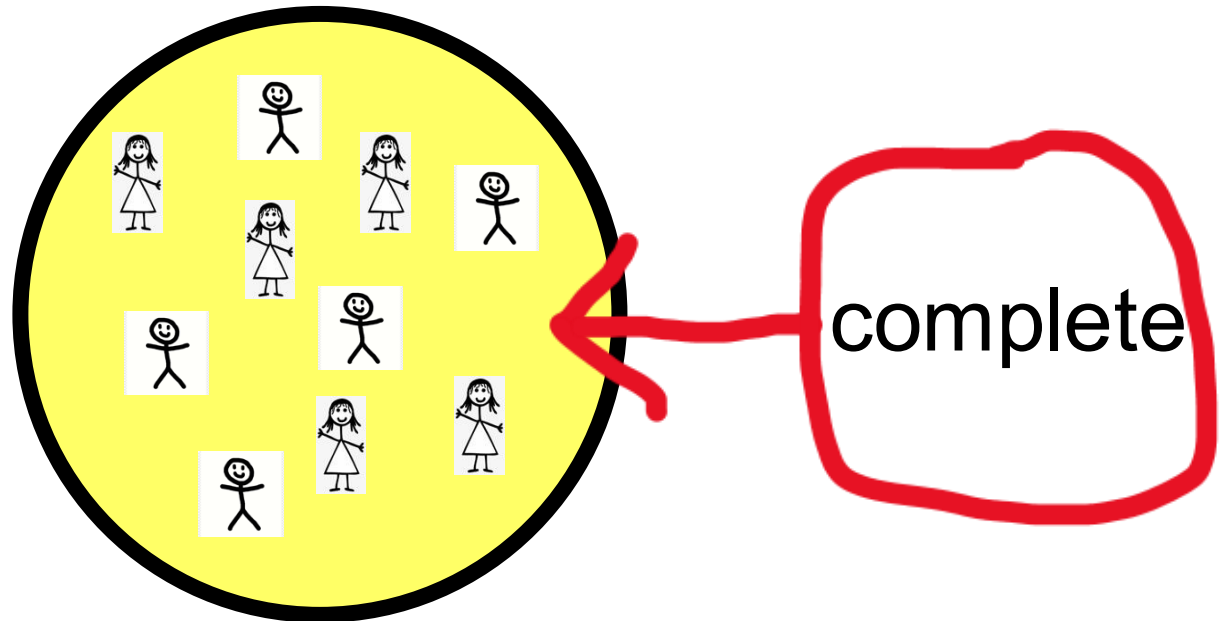
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Colossians 2:9

⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority

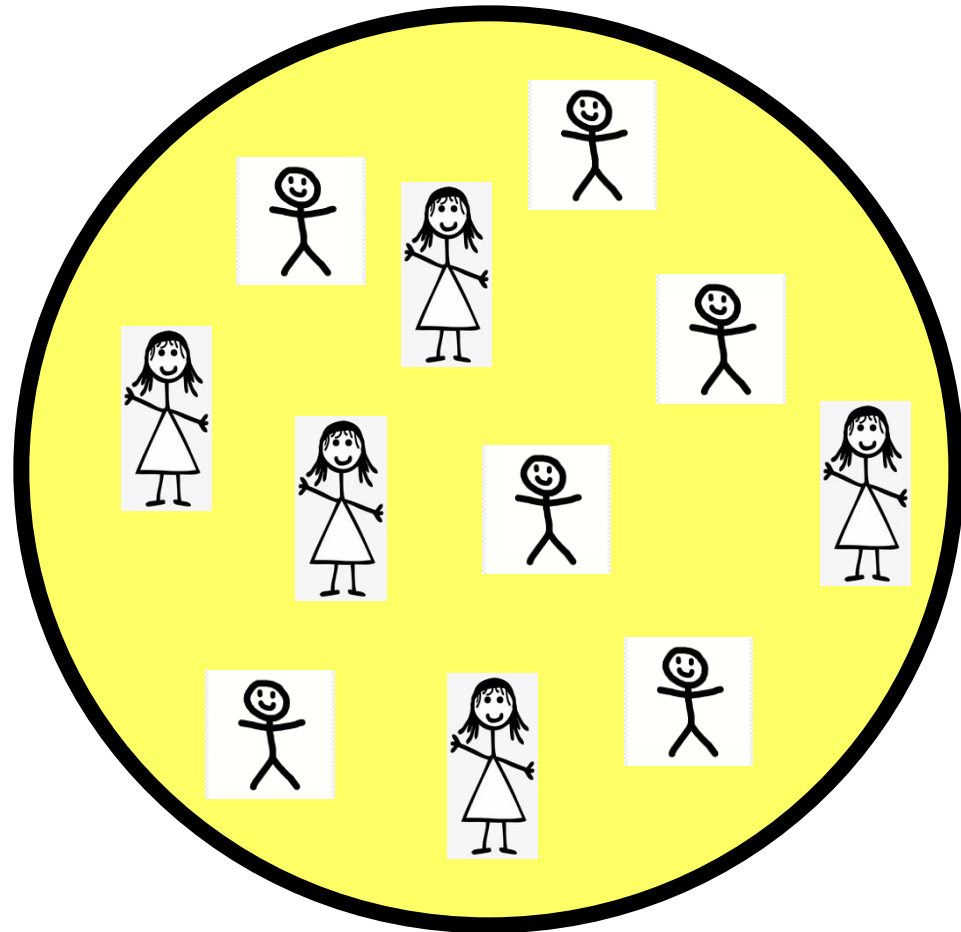
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Acts 17:28

²⁸ for 'In Him we live and move and have our being'

Christ



*Position
and
Condition*



Position

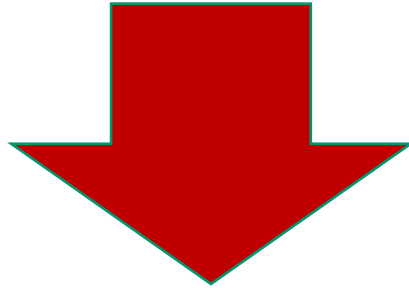
- Perfect
- Complete
- Unchangeable
- Same for all believers

Condition

- Imperfect
- Incomplete
- Changeable
- Different for each believer

Examples

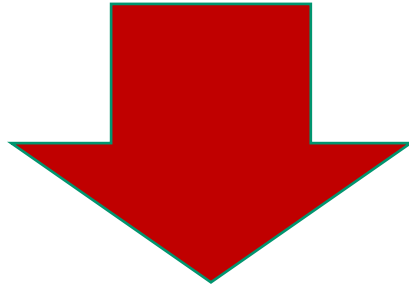
Col 3:12 “As God’s chosen people,
(*who are*) holy and beloved...”



1 Peter 1:15 “Be holy in
all your conduct...”

Examples

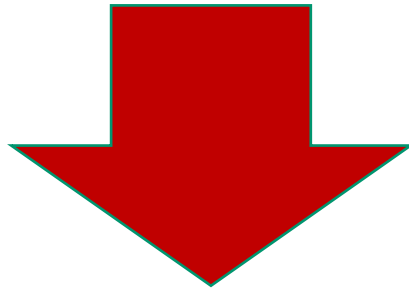
Heb 10:10 “we have been sanctified”



Rom 6:19 “...present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification”

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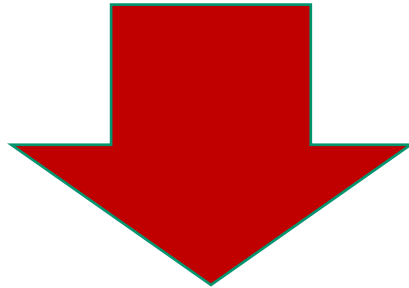
Eph 1:7 “In Him, we have the forgiveness of our trespasses”



1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us”

Examples

Eph 2:8 “By grace you have been saved through faith”



1 Cor 1:18 “...to us who are being saved...”

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Romans 12:2

¹² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.



Romans 6:4

⁴ ...so we too might
walk in newness of life.

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1 John 4:17

¹⁷ As He is, so also are we...

This is who you are

Ephesians 6:10

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and
in His mighty power...

Now stand firm in it...

