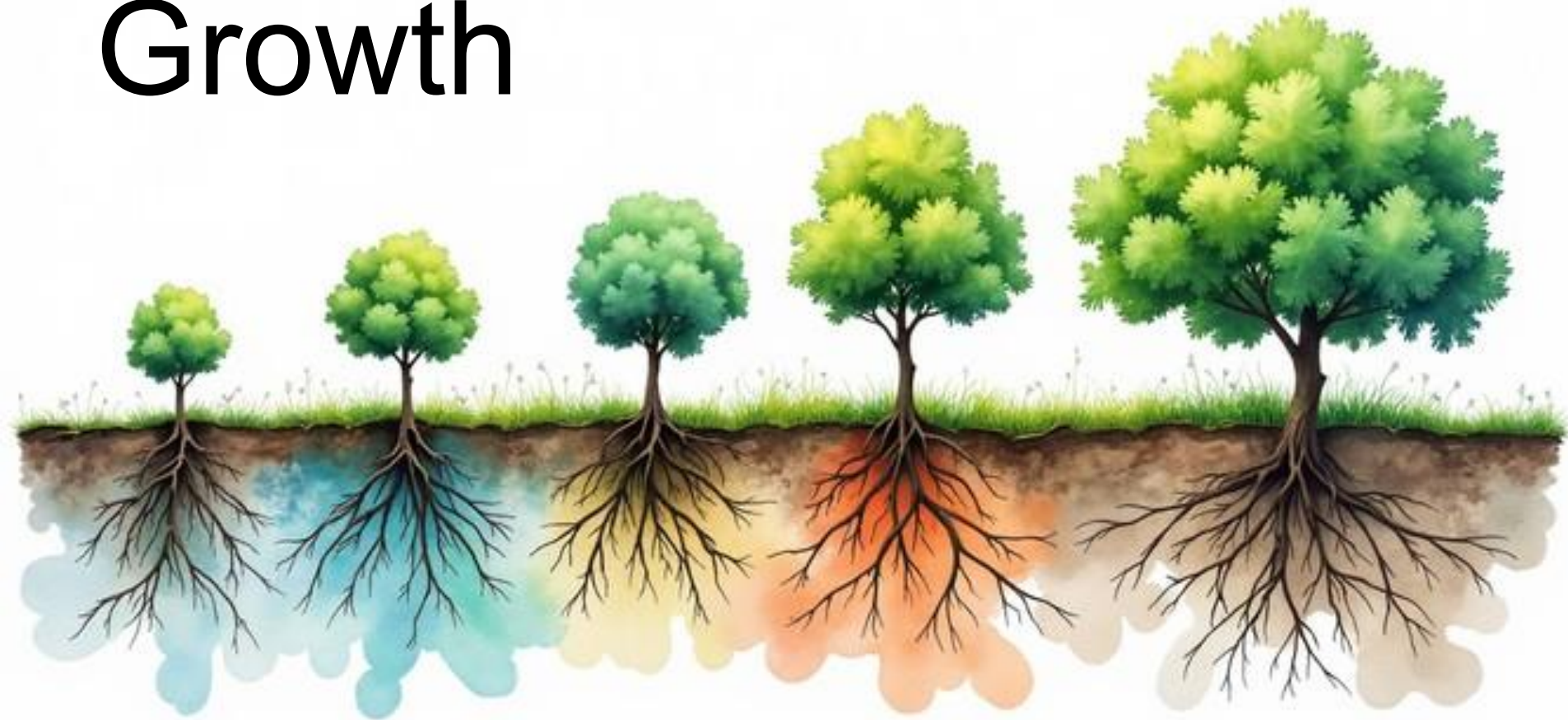


Fundamentals Of Spiritual Growth



Agenda

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Course Preview

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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.

A close-up photograph of a car's side-view mirror. The mirror is oval-shaped with a black frame and a gold-colored outer casing. It reflects a desert landscape with a long, straight road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by sandy terrain and sparse vegetation. The sky is a hazy, light blue. In the bottom right corner of the mirror's reflection, the text "OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR" is printed in white, sans-serif capital letters. The mirror's surface shows some minor dust and scratches.

OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE
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The Journey So Far

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MADE COMPLETE
IN CHRIST

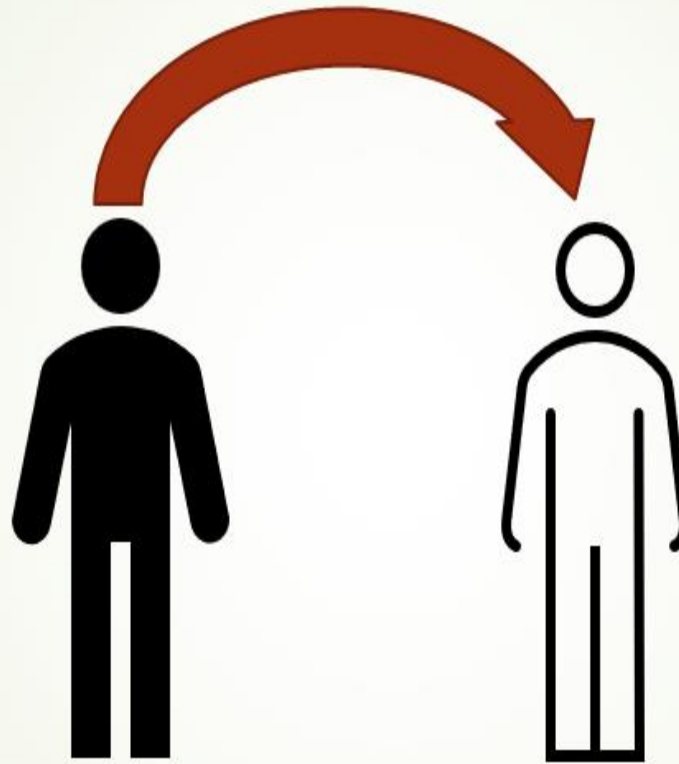
Colossians 2:9



2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.





“in Adam”

“in Christ”

Life Source

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



Source: Adam

Gen 5:1 “God created man in His likeness”

Gen 5:3 “Adam fathered a son in his own likeness”

Rom 5:19 “through one man’s disobedience we were made sinners”

Source: Adam

Rom 7:18 “I know nothing good dwells in me, in my flesh”

1 Cor 15:45,47 “The first Adam became a living being; the last Adam a life-giving spirit...the first man was from the earth; the second man from heaven”

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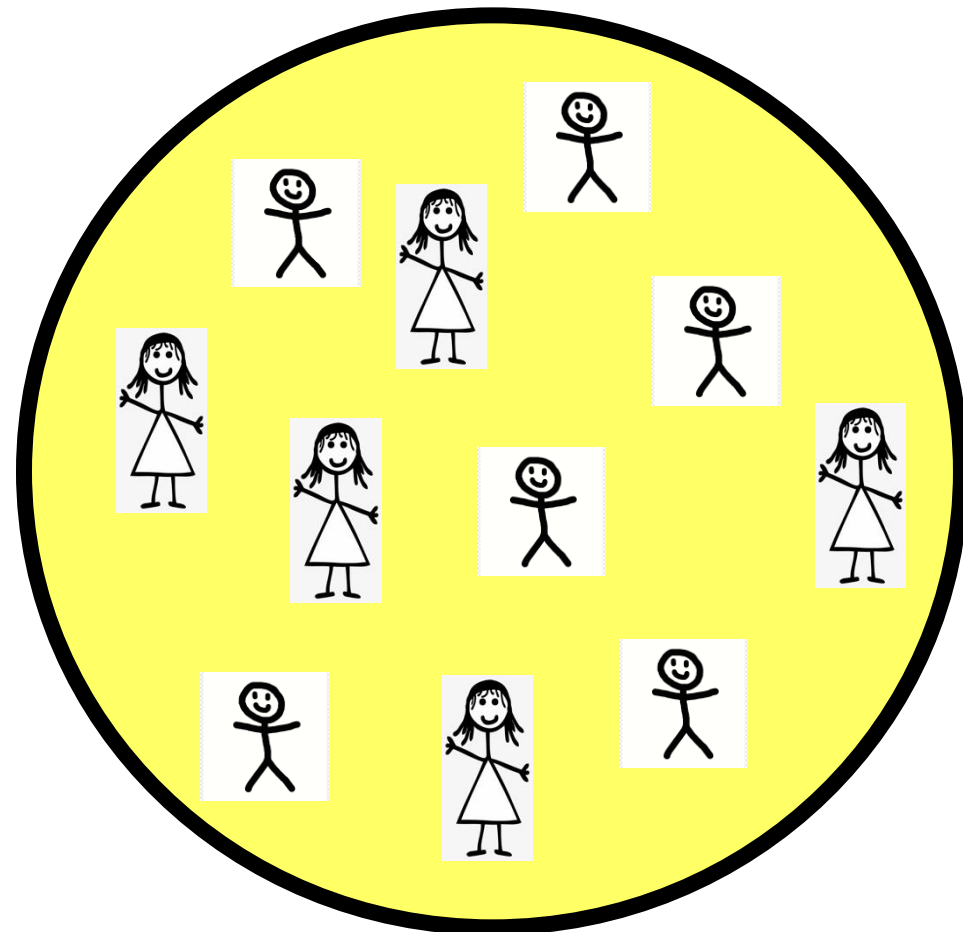
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Identity / Position

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

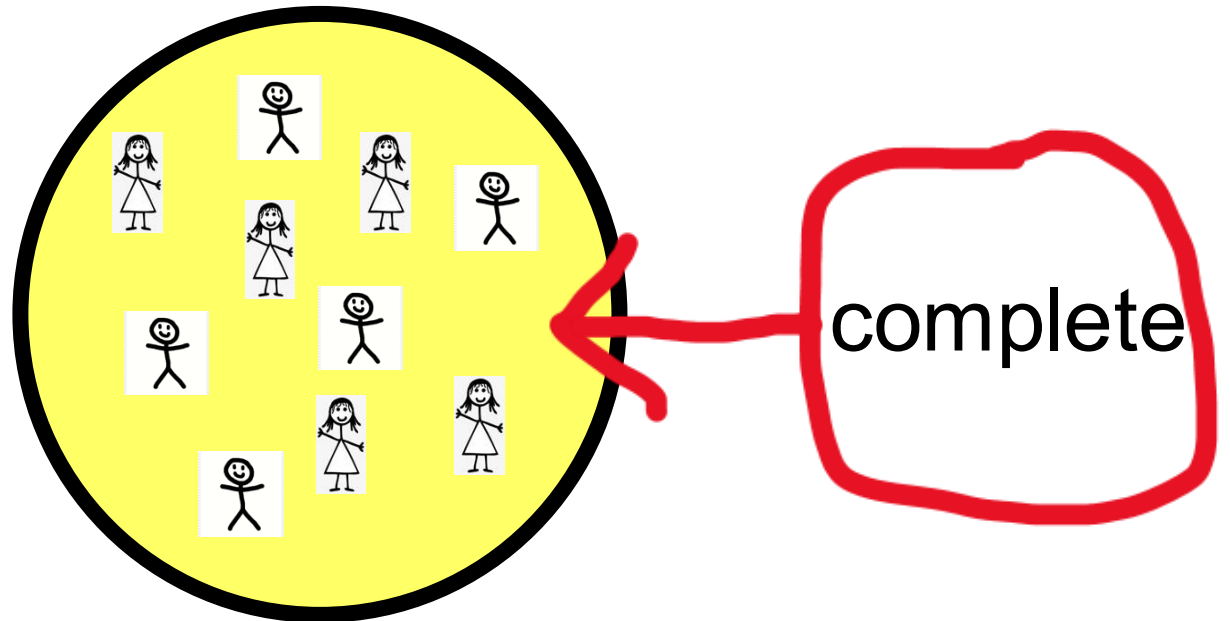
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Colossians 2:9-10

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

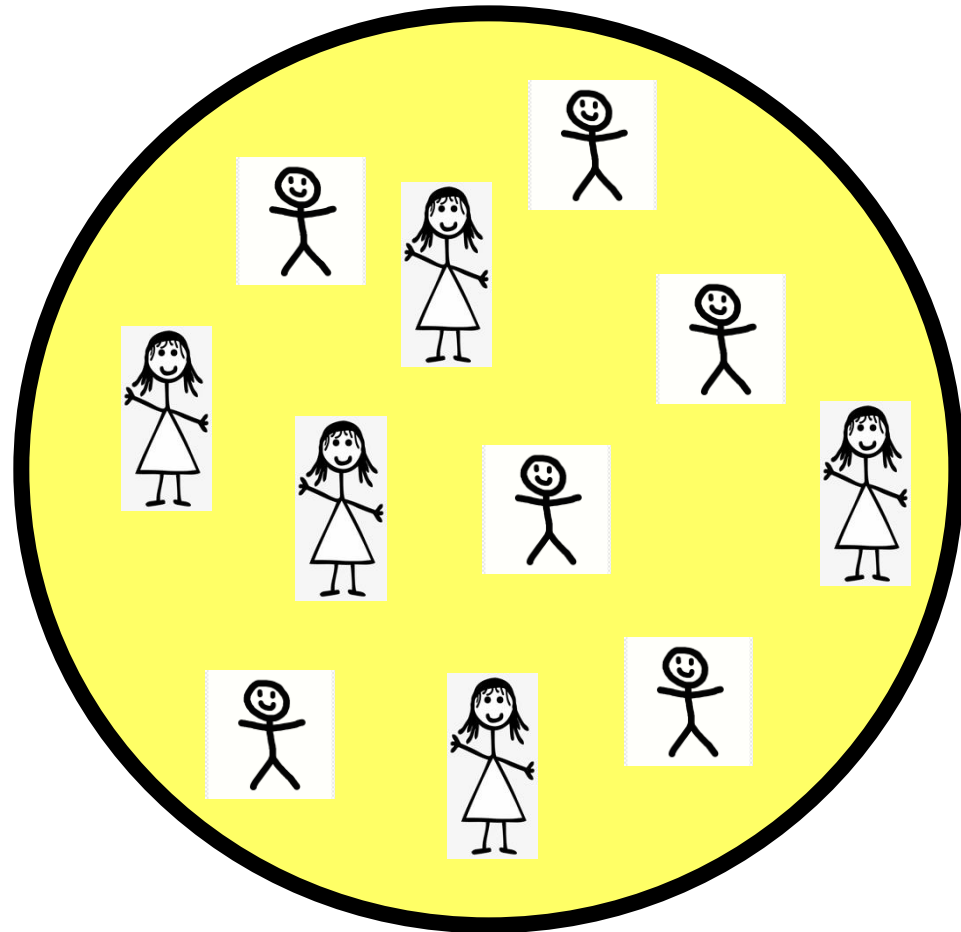
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Acts 17:28

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

Christ



Position

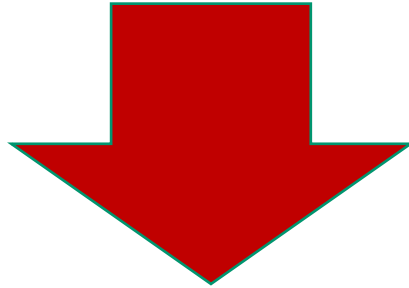
- Perfect
- Complete
- Unchangeable
- Same for all believers

Condition

- Imperfect
- Incomplete
- Changeable
- Different for each believer

Examples

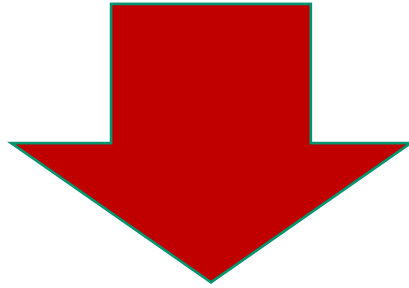
Col 3:12 “As God’s chosen people,
(*who are*) holy and beloved...”



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

Examples

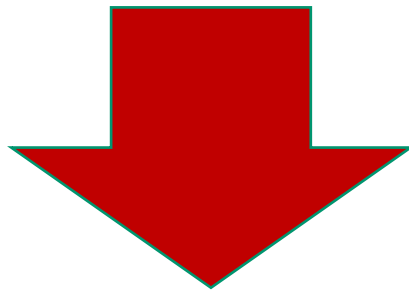
Heb 10:10 “we have been sanctified”



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

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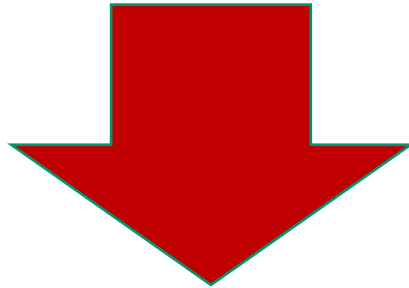
Eph 1:7 “In Him, we have the forgiveness of our trespasses”



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...”

Know/Be/Do

2 Cor 5:17 – **New** creation in Christ

Rom 12:2 – Be transformed by the
renewing of your mind

2 Cor 3:18 – As we behold His glory
in the Word, we are transformed
into His image

Romans 6:4

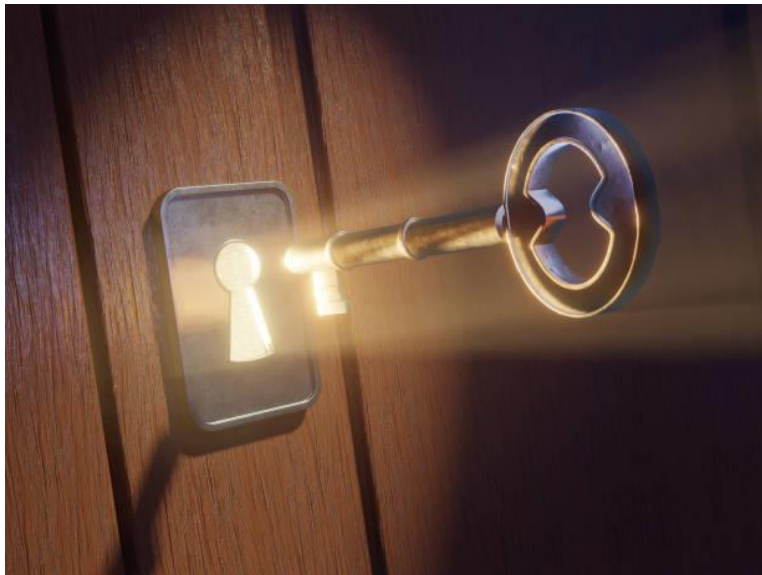
⁴ ...so we too might
walk in newness of life.

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Appropriation

“To set aside for our practical possession something that already belongs to us”



Sound Familiar?





**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

With Appropriation

- They are not creating new money
- The money already exists
- Bill formally designates a portion of those funds for a specific purpose
- Makes it accessible for use

Without Appropriation

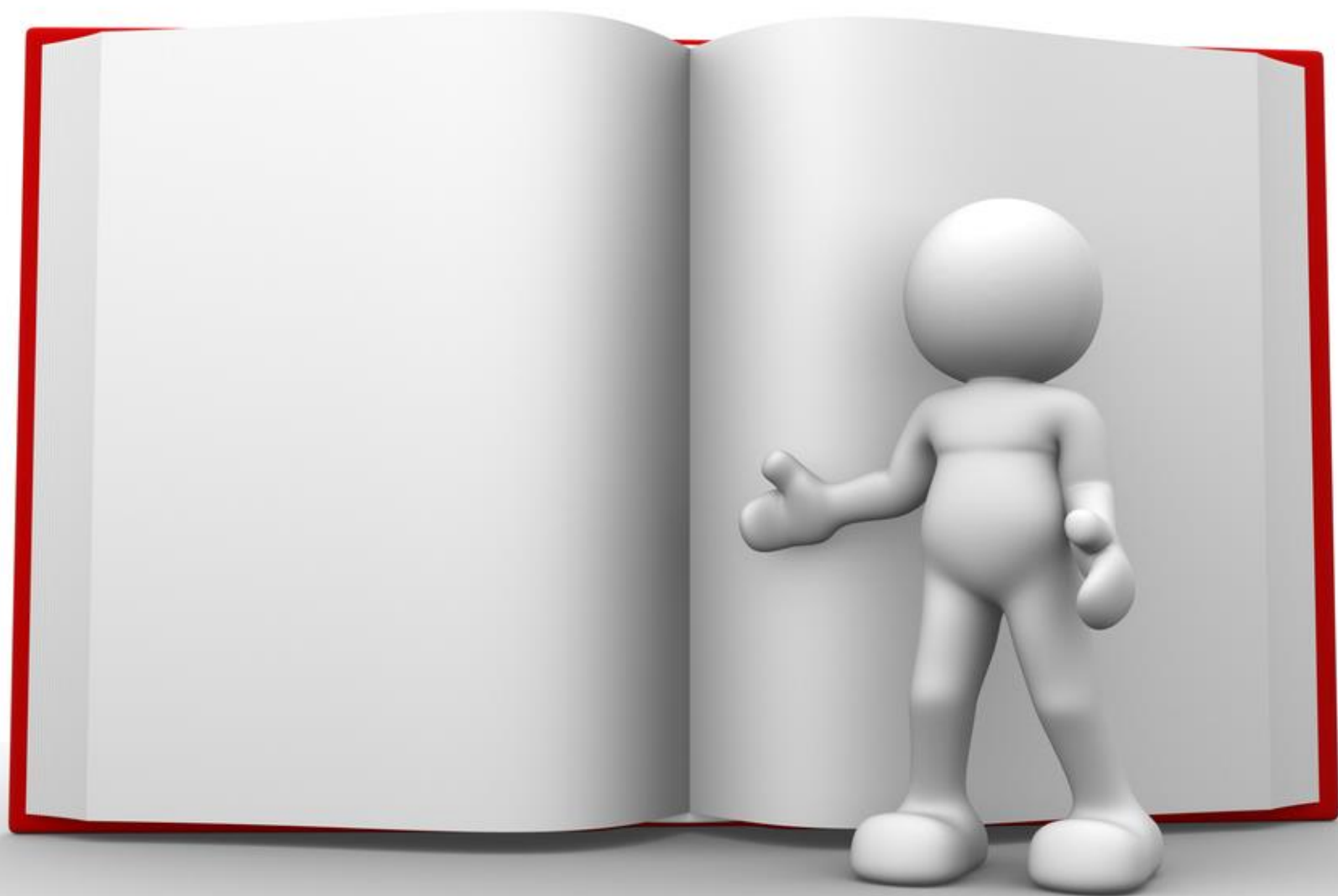
- The funds just sit there
- It's real
- It's complete
- It's fully available
- But not accessed

Ephesians 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in
the heavenly places

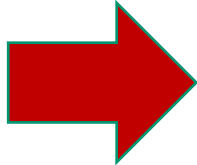
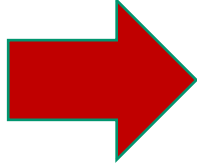
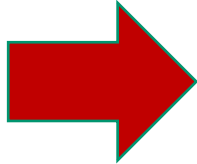
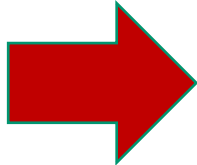
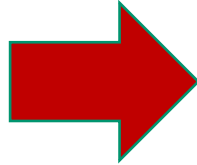
Two Essentials

- To see what is already ours in Christ
- To be aware of our need for it



Three Requirements

- Recognize what kind of problem it is
- Know where to look
- Apply it specifically

Textbook		Scripture
Open book		Open access
Specific problems		Specific trials
Finding the answer		Which truth?
Writing it down		Appropriating



**When you are trying to find answers in
an open book exam**



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

James 1:2-5

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him...

James 1:2-5

...ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.

example

Hebrews 4:11

¹¹ Therefore, let us be diligent to enter His rest...



Matthew 11:28

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest.

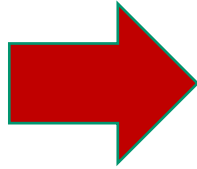
1 Peter 5:7

⁷ casting all your anxiety on
Him, because He cares for you.

Intentional Actions

Posture

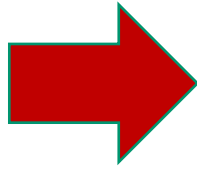
Heb 4:11



Be diligent to
enter His rest

Direction

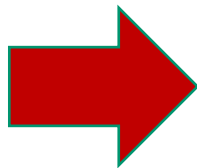
Matt 11:28



Come to Him
for rest

Action

1 Peter 5:7



Casting specific
burdens

Ephesians 3:11-12

¹¹ According to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

