















Properties of Life:

- Order
- Sensitivity or response to stimuli
- Reproduction
- Growth and development
- Regulation
- Homeostasis
- Energy processing



GROW

REAL LIFE HAPPENS HERE

- 1. R Rooted in Him
- 2. E Engaged in community
- 3. A Adore Him in worship
- 4. L Love Your Neighbor



A <u>disciple</u> is someone that has a <u>growing</u> relationship with Christ.



We want our church to <u>grow</u> in our number of <u>disciples.</u>





For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized.



And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

NBCC NBCC NMS BLAD You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away.



Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.



He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

NBCC NBCC NMS BLAND In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities.

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He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

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And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.

NBCC NBCC Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.



Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.



Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense



that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.





Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church:

the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.



Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church,
the body of Christ.



This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son



that we will be <u>mature</u> in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.



Then we will no longer be immature like children.



We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching.



We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like truth.



Instead, we will speak the truth in love,



growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church



He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.



As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.





How do I grow?

How do I become rooted in Christ?



STOP allowing toxic elements into your life.

START feeding yourself with healthy and helpful elements.



- Bible reading plan
- Consistent prayer life
- Connect to other believers
- Serve and give
- Invest in others and invite them to church



NBCC Opportunities

- YouVersion plan
- February "I Said This, You Heard That"
- Life groups
- Events Wed. dinners, Oyster Roast



So get rid of all evil behavior.

Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech.



Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation.



Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.



