



Gospel Growth

INTRODUCTION

THE PERSON OF GOSPEL GROWTH

For a tree, there is no growth without certain vital elements such as soil, sunlight, and water. For a Christian, there can be no spiritual growth apart from the person of Jesus Christ. The death and resurrection of Christ makes our spiritual growth possible. His Spirit gives us the power needed to live righteously. The knowledge of Christ matures us toward our predestined goal, Christ-likeness.

Christ provides for your growth

Jesus offers His _____ to us through the cross. (Eph. 2:4-6, Rom. 6:3-4, Jhn 10:10)

Jesus offers _____ to us in church leaders. (Eph. 4:8, 11-13, Col. 1:28)

Christ empowers your growth

Spiritual growth will _____ as you abide in Jesus. (John 15:1-5)

Spiritual growth will not happen in your own _____. (John 15:5)

Christ is the goal of your growth

God saves his people to make them like _____.
(Rom 8:29, Eph 4:13, 2 Cor. 3:18)

We cannot afford to place anything but Christ at the center of our lives! Christ should be worshiped, studied, depended on, and kept as our example of spiritual maturity. We cannot grow to spiritual maturity while at the same time neglecting a daily, personal relationship with Christ.

PURSuing GOSPEL GROWTH

- What are some practical steps we can take to keep Christ at the center of our focus?
- How is spiritual growth connected to the power of Christ?
- What are some of the results of working toward spiritual progress in your own strength?