

Growing Up into His Likeness



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Introduction

A believer's "born again" experience in the Lord Jesus Christ marks the beginning, not the end, of an exciting new life.

Far too many Christians fail to progress beyond the *birth* phase of their spiritual experience, thinking they have arrived. Failing to progress beyond this starting point in their spiritual journey denies believers the reality of a dynamic, satisfying and fulfilling new life.

God wants His children to grow up!

Spiritual *growth* follows spiritual *birth*. Spiritual growth is an ongoing life-long process that transforms us from who we are to who we can be in God's sight – mature character reflectors of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Growing-up into the likeness of Jesus Christ is God's ultimate plan for you and me. Romans 8:29a says ...

"For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son ..."

Spiritual growth, like physical growth, does not automatically just happen. The right conditions must exist for this process to occur. God has provided us with everything we need to grow up in the Christian faith. All we need to do is decide within ourselves to seriously commit to following the steps God has clearly marked out for us in His Word. Two Corinthians 3:18 says ...

"And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more."

Take the next step

This study-guide highlights foundational steps, resulting in satisfying spiritual growth.

Each step taken will lead you further into a rich discovery of God and His special plan for your life. There is no journey more worthwhile in all of life than the journey that takes you forward in growing into the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is life-transforming – you won't regret having embarked on this amazing journey.

Warning: You can expect opposition from the enemy (satan), worldly distractions and inner fleshly desires.

As you take each step, do so with the confidence that comes from believing in the promise of Philippians 4:13. Paul declared ...

"I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need."

Moving ahead in your faith, one step at a time, will give you reason to celebrate.