

Series: Renewing Our Strength

Title: The Purpose of Spiritual Growth

Text: (Gal 2:20)

7 Stages of Spiritual Growth

Spiritual Growth Leads to an Exchanged Life.

The purpose of this message is show you where you are right now.

Illus: Physical Growth in stages, Spiritual Growth in Stages

Eph 4:14-15, 2 Pet 3:18, Col 2:6-7,

I. Stage 1 - Unbelief: 2 Thes 2:17, Ps 78:21 **Ruled by the flesh!**

- a. **Carnal: Selfish** 1 Cor 3:3 *Illus: My Needs 1st Physical, Emotional – Me Centered!*
- b. **Someone share the Gospel:** 1st you Ignore it

II. Salvation: 1 Pet 1:9, Tit 2:11, Rev 19:1 **A Glory Fit!!!!**

- a. **Eternal Security:** *Illus: Name in Lambs Book Rev 3:5*
- b. **Baptism:** Acts 2:41
- c. **Pray:** (1 Thes 5:17) *Pray with out Ceasing*
- d. **Read the Bible:** (Jn 14:26)
- e. **You want to Go to Church:** You never miss (Heb 10:25)

III. Service: You get Involved (Eph 2:10)

- a. After all, he has done for me, I want to serve Him!
- b. Things didn't always work out, but you stuck with it.

IV. Frustrated Inadequacy: Read, Pray Attend, Serve,

- a. You get weary in well doing. (Hab 2:13, Gal 6:9)
- b. (Rom 7:14-19) Finally someone who feels like I do!!
- c. If we stay right here we continue to serve in the Flesh.
- d. We are dependant on our strength, not His,
- e. We are dependant on our power, not His
- f. We take the credit rather than He.
- g. God want to bring us to the **End of Ourselves.** Zec 4:6

V. Spiritual Dependency: Filled w/the Spirit!

- a. **Walk, Live, Serve, Love in the Spirit!** (Gal 5:16)
- b. Greater Peace, Greater Joy, Fulfillment! (Ps 119:165)
- c. God has a goal for you! He is not content to leave you here,

VI. The battle of Preprogrammed Bondage!

- a. We have to allow God to deal with our Emotions! (Eph 1:4-6)
- b. **You are Accepted!** (Eph 5:8-11)
- c. You are a son, not a servant. (Gal 4:7)
- d. Joint-Heirs of God Rom (8:16-17)
- e. Heb 4:16 Come boldly (1 Cor 2:9)
- f. **God Sees you, and He Likes what He sees.**

VII. The Exchanged Life: God is not satisfied with you...

- a. Pauls Growth began in Rom 7 and is now matured into Gal 2:20
- b. The Great Exchange Takes Place! Col 3:3-4
- c. The Old Man died! Rom 6:6-8
- d. We must choose daily to walk dependent upon him! Eph 4:21-24
Full Abandon of Self.
- e. Self Will is replaced with HIS WILL
- f. Self Desire is replaced with HIS Desires
- g. Self Esteem is replaced by HIS Esteem of US!
- h. It is Not Your Life!! It's HIS!
- i. When this happens, we experience ...
Greater Hunger for Him
Greater Satisfaction in Him
Greater Sense of Loving Contentment

Where are you today, What Stage?

God is trying to love you to the next level of Growth.

Are you willing to be Broken?

Are you Willing to Abandon Self, and embrace Jesus?

From Rom 7: to Gal 2:20