

Maturity in Christ

Col. 1:28:

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and
teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we
may present everyone mature in Christ

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Overview

- 3 steps to maturity in Christ
- Sanctification process
- Roadblocks for spiritual growth
- Marks of maturity
- Self evaluation
- Review and take home points

3 stages of spiritual growth

- Justification
- Sanctification
- Glorification

Sanctification

- State of proper functioning
- Set apart – to make holy
- Sanctification for a unique calling

Henry Drummond:

„To become more Christlike is the only thing in the whole world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly and lower achievements vain“

Why are we not growing?

- Lack of urgency
- Lack of endurance
- Lack of fellowship

Marks of maturity

- See life from a different view
- Trusting God
- Experience Joy
- A humble heart

Self-evaluation

- Abide in Christ
- Live in the Word
- Pray in faith
- Fellowship with believers
- Witness
- Ministry to others

Self-evaluation – Questions for „Abide in Christ“

- On a scale of 1 – 10:
- When making choices – I seek Christ for guidance first
- My actions demonstrate a desire to build God's kingdom rather than my own
- I trust Christ to help me through any problem/crisis

Link to Spiritual Growth Assessment (LifeWay):

http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_PDF_DSC_Spiritual_Growth_Assessment.pdf

Review

- 3 steps of maturity in Christ
- Sanctification: becoming more like Jesus
- Being set apart/sanctified for heavenly calling
- Barriers to growth:
 - Lack of urgency
 - Lack of endurance
 - Lack of fellowship

Review – Part 2

- Marks of maturity
 - Response to challenges/trouble
 - Trust in all circumstances
 - Joy in all circumstances
 - A humble heart
- Self-Evaluation – 6 Dimensions

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