

4. GROWTH

Some questions pertaining to growth:* What is it? Who needs to do it? How is it done? How does it happen?

As it is in the physical, begotten, human, life cycle: zygote, to embryo, to fetus, to infant, to toddler, to adolescent, to adult (maturity), growth must occur. So it is in the spiritually begotten life cycle that growth must occur.

Jesus Christ the Everlasting Father commands [Mathew 5:48] that his children be perfect. The word "be" used here, translated means "become". So the command is that his children become perfect. The word "perfect" used here, translated means "mature"; or "of full age"; if you will allow....Full or Fully Grown [see Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (perfect: #5046 and be: #2071) for exegesis]. The children of God are expected to spiritually "grow up" into "all things" pertaining to Christ Jesus, The Father; after having been born again (of the spirit) or resurrected to spiritual life in him [Ephesians 4:15; 12-16].

Referring to those that have been born again, in Ephesians 2:21; 19-22 it is written, as fellow citizens, we should be growing unto a Holy Temple in the Lord.

1 Peter 2:2 tells what to do in order to grow spiritually. Desire spiritual nourishment, which is the Word of God. Just as human newborn babies desire physical nourishment, milk.

2 Peter 3:18 tells what to grow in, and why to endeavor to grow in it: Grace and the Knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Why? That the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ receive Glory; In Faith, that others may Glory [2 Thessalonians 1:3]. Jesus Christ taught, that, the Kingdom Of God is involved in the process of growth [Mathew 18:32], and so must its citizens be continually, growing up into all things pertaining to him.

*[changed from it to growth]