

Growing in Salvation
#SermonSalvation
Growing God's Way - Part 3
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Ephesians 4:13b ...We must become like a mature person, growing until we become like Christ and have his perfection. (NCV)

Four Things Growing Christians Do

1. LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S PURPOSE (VS 8)

2 Peter 1:8 If you keep growing in this way, it will show that what you know about our Lord Jesus Christ has made your lives useful and meaningful. (CEV)

Proverbs 16:4 The LORD has made everything for his own purposes... (NLT)

The Benefit Of Living God's Purposes

- It Gives MEANING To Your Life

Job 7:16 Leave me alone and let me die; my life has no meaning. (CEV)

- It Gives You PEACE

Isaiah 26:3 You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. (TEV)

- It FOCUSES Your Life

Ephesians 5:17 Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants. (MSG)

- It MOTIVATES You

Ephesians 1:11a It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. (MSG)

- It Prepares You For ETERNITY

Romans 6:13b ...give yourselves to God... surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes. (TEV)

2. SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE (VS 9)

2 Peter 1:9 But if you don't grow, you are like someone who is nearsighted or blind, and you have forgotten that your past sins are forgiven. (CEV)

Revelation 3:17 You claim to be rich and successful and to have everything you need. But you don't know how bad off you are. You are pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. (CEV)

Colossians 3:2 Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. (MSG)

3. ACT LIKE GOD'S PEOPLE (VS 10)

2 Peter 1:10 My brothers, God called you and chose you to be his. Try hard to show that you really are God's chosen people. If you do all these things, you will never fall. (ICB)

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (NIV)

Titus 1:16 Such people claim to know God, but their actions prove that they really don't. (CEV)

4. LOOK FORWARD TO GOD'S PROMISES (VS 11)

2 Peter 1:11 Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (NLT)

Hebrews 13:14 For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven. (LB)

Hebrews 10:23 Now we can look forward to the salvation God has promised us. There is no longer any room for doubt, and we can tell others that salvation is ours, for there is no question that he will do what he says. (LB)

2 Corinthians 1:20a For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!"... (NLT)