

Growing In Him

1st Thes 4:1-3a (Topical Message)



What is God's Will for the Human Race?

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NASB)

³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires *all* men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Truth be Told – By faith a believer is saved, and by faith sanctified (grows spiritually).

Romans 1:16-17 (AMP)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) *of Christ*, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] ***to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance***, to the Jew first and also to the Greek, ¹⁷ For in the Gospel a righteousness which God ascribes is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to ***faith [disclosed through the way of faith that arouses to more faith]***. As it is written, The man who through faith is just *and* upright shall live *and* shall live by faith.

Gods will once we are saved is our Sanctification. Or in other words, growing in Him, and being conformed into the image of Christ

Today we will discover the how to **Grow in Him:**

1. Offering Ourselves to Him

2. Walking in Him

1 Thessalonians 4:1-3a (NASB)

¹ Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. ² For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority of* the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

God's Attitude Towards Your Sanctification

But what is God's attitude towards man, as we grow, mature, are sanctified, and being conformed into the image of Christ.

He is patient towards you!

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

God is patient with you, He wants the best for you, He loves you and wants you to repent.

Repentance – Means a change of Mind.

Romans 2:4 (NASB)

⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Grow in Him:

1. Offering Ourselves to Him

Your INITIAL choice is to offer yourself to God.

Romans 6:19 (HCSB)

¹⁹ I am using a human analogy because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you offered the parts of yourselves as slaves to moral impurity, and to greater and greater lawlessness, so now offer them as slaves to righteousness, which results in sanctification.

Offer (present) yourself as a slave of righteousness. This results in your sanctification.

What's your choice this morning?

Grow in Him:

2. Walking in Him

Ephesians 4:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

Ephesians 5:2 (NASB)

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:8 (NASB)

⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Ephesians 5:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

Do you believe in our new identity as a child of God, and all that entails?

You cant walk until you know who you are and that Christ is your source.



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Choose to Offer Yourself to Him !

**Choose to Believe Your New Identity
So You can Walk in Him !**

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