

Growing In Him Introduction & The Gospel

I. Introduction

A. What is this series about?

1. Growing in Him is series designed to _____ our foundation in our Christian life by the examination of the truth found in the Word of God.
 - a) We will be returning to the basics in order to _____ in our Christian walk with God.
 - b) The will of God is that you _____ or mature spiritually. (2 Pet. 3:18)
 - c) This is to be a _____ process until you are with the Lord.
 - d) This series is more _____ in nature in order to stimulate growth and maturity.

B. Why are we studying this?

1. The Christian is under _____ from the wiles of the devil using deception, even in religion, and therefore we must _____ our minds through knowing the truth well.
2. Furthermore, the Christian is in a battle with worldly _____ and selfish _____ which will impede spiritual growth.

C. How will proceed?

1. We will examine the foundation for the Christian life in three different areas...
 - a) The _____ life which focuses on who we are and what we have in Christ.
 - b) The _____ life which examines growth truths of Scripture which transform us into the image of Christ.
 - c) The _____ life which considers how we may allow God to reproduce Himself in us as good stewards of His grace.
2. The responsibility for our spiritual growth is shared by first church _____ (pastors and teachers) to teach the Word of God correctly, but also the responsibility falls upon the _____ to learn and apply God's Word.

II. The Assured Life

A. What is assurance and why do we need it?

1. Definition of assurance is the freedom from _____.

2. Assurance is used in the Bible in a way that supports or gives _____ in something.
 3. The only source of assurance is _____ and more specifically truth from the _____.
 4. The Assured Life will cover assurance in the following areas...
 - a) The _____
 - b) Eternal _____
 - c) God's _____
 - d) Eternal _____
- B. Assurance begins with the Gospel
1. What is the Gospel?
 - a) The word "gospel" means _____ or _____.
 - b) The gospel we all need is called the "gospel of the _____ of God / gospel of _____" which was a message of the gift of eternal life from God to man because of Jesus Christ. (Rom. 1:16; Acts. 20:24)
 - c) This is the _____ message by which people may be saved. (Jn. 14:6; Acts. 4:10-12)
 2. Why is the gospel important?
 - a) Man needs this message because they are _____ from God spiritually. (Rom. 3:23; 6:23a; Eph. 2:1)
 - b) No amount of good works that man can do are _____ to God and therefore man is not able to save himself. (Is. 64:6; Rom. 3:10-12)
 - c) So, God sent His own Son Jesus Christ to die and _____ the penalty of sin for us. He was buried and rose again according to the Scriptures. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3-4)
 - d) Because of the finished work of Christ, God can _____ to man eternal life. (Rom. 6:23b)
 - e) Man can only accept this gift of eternal life by _____ alone through _____ alone in _____ alone. (Jn. 3:36; 5:24; Eph.2:8-9)
 3. The gospel message brings assurance because we are trusting in the right _____ Jesus Christ not ourselves or what we can do in order to be saved. (Titus 3:4-5)