

“Growing Up”
I Peter 2:1-3

I Peter 1:22-25 *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever. And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

I Peter 2:1-3 *So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

Why can I grow as a follower of Jesus?

Two approaches:

1. Outside in approach.
2. Inside out approach.

I Peter 1:23 *since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;*

-The word is alive.

I Peter 1:24-25 *for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever”*

-The word points us to Jesus.

Isaiah 40:9-11 *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

I Peter 1:25 *... And this word is the good news that was preached to you.*

How can I grow up as a follower of Jesus?

-Put away the wrong stuff.

I Peter 2:1 *So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.*

-Long for the right stuff.

I Peter 2:2-3 *Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

Growing up only happens as He grows in me.

I John 2:12-14 *I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.*