

God Wants Us To Grow As Genuine Believers In Christ! John 17:17

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church Sunday, October 2, 2022

Sermon Outline

"God Expects His Truly Saved People To Spiritually Grow, And Stay In Fellowship With Him!" --Pt. 2

- Various Scriptures -

(Salvation And Growing Concerns Message)

- I. GENUINE SALVATION GIVES US FORGIVENESS OF SINS, Col. 1:12-14
 - A. God Laid On Christ All Of Our Sins, Isa. 53:11
 - B. We Have Been Forgiven Therefore We Are Safe In Christ, Rom. 8:1
- II. GENUINE SALVATION ALSO GIVES US THE CAPACITY TO SPIRITUALLY GROW.
 - --To be the kind of children that our Holy God wants us to be.
 - A. We Were Slaves To A Life Of Sins, Eph. 2:1-3 Gal. 5:19-21
 - B. God Wants Us To Bear The Fruit Of His New Life Produced By His Holy Spirit, Gal. 5:22, 23
 - C. Christ Prayed About The Growing Of God's Saved People, Jn. 17:17
 - 1. He prayed that God would set His redeemed people apart to Himself in the Truth,
 Jn. 17:17 "sanctify"

Phases of Sanctification

- a. Positional, Jude 1:1; 2 Thess. 2:13
- b. Progressive, our part in growing, Eph. 5:1; Rom. 13:14
- c. Ultimate, God will Perfect us one day, Eph. 5:26-27
- 2. God's instrument for our Growing is His Word, Jn. 17:17b
- 3. Peter tells new believers to desire God's Word, 1 Pet. 2:2
- III. GOD DESIGNED HIS WORD AS HIS GROWTH INSTRUMENT FOR HIS PEOPLE
 - A. The Lord Told His Disciples To Teach His Word To Those He Saves From The Gentiles, Mt. 28:20