

Knowing Jesus- March 12, 2023
The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Growth- Part II

Spiritual Growth

**“Spiritual Growth” = Learning from God
through Jesus
with the help of the Spirit of God.**

- **Requires an awakening of sensitivities to God and understanding of truth taught by Jesus.**

According to Jesus: We need to be born of the Spirit (John 3:1-8), converted to become a child of God (Matthew 18:1-5), have Christ's seed planted in us (Mat. 13:3f; Mark 3:3f; Luke 8:5f;) have “living water” (the Spirit) within us to help us grow (John 4:10; 7:38; 14:16-17; 14:26; 15:26; 16:13; 20:22)

- **Teachings of Jesus- #1 He will provide for us into eternity.**

John 14:1-6 God's home will be the earth but Jesus is committed to preparing it for God (Revelation 21:1-4) and God's children to live in it. He will cast out Satan (John 12:31), pay the penalty for sin (Psalm 22; 53), Eliminate evil and establish the world as just and righteous (Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:6-7).

“Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:5-6)

#2 Trust Jesus and We Will Him Help Transform Lives

1. **Jesus taught that to know and see Him is to know and see God, the Father. (John 14:7)**

- His displayed ability to provide for our every one of our earthly needs. Healing the physical body, providing food or wine when needed, protecting from nature, restoring life after death.

- His self-denying commitment to fulfilling God's pre-determined plan for the healing of creation.

“you know the way where I am going.”

2. **Even those who knew Jesus struggled to understand who He was when He attempted to tell them. (John 14:8-11)**

The one who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

3. **Jesus promised that we will help change the world if we trust Him. (John 14:12-13)**

¹² Truly, truly I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do”

- The most important work of Jesus in the world was laying the foundation for people to become true children of God.
- Jesus will help us build upon work we do “in His name.”

Our Goal in life is to represent the commitment of Jesus to giving people true spiritually informed life!

Remembering Jesus in Everything We Do

- **Jesus first commitment was to helping and healing people.**
We earn trust and build bridges through what we do.
- **Jesus lived to teach people what it means to be a truly loving and righteous child of God.**
- **Our greatest work in life is helping Jesus change lives so that people become true children of God.**