# BIBLICAL DISCIPLESHIP & GROWTH

Details:

- Became a Christian, Can remain as Baby Christian?
- Scripture about Christian Growth
- What are false signs of true Christian Growth
- How is a Christian truly growing.

Isn't it enough I became a Christian or Can't I remain as a "Baby Christian"?

- Anyway, I got ticket to heaven!
- How about the thief on the Cross? No discipleship and growth! What did/will he miss?
- What does stunted growth in children bring to Parents? In someway dishonor deep sadness/pain

Does the Scripture give anything about growth?

- Grow up into Christ(Eph 4:15)
- Grow in Salvation(1 Peter 2:2)
- Grow in faith(Rom 1:17, 2 Corinth 10:15)
- Grow in grace(2 Peter 3:18)

- Grow in love(1 Thes 3:12)

What are false signs of true Christian Growth?

- Use of lots of religious language(-ve'ly)
- Growing knowledge of Scripture(+ve'ly)
- Increased love for the church
- Display confidence in their own faith
- Outward Zeal for God

How is a Christian truly growing? **1. Observed increase in Holiness.** 

- Increasing hatered-ness to sin
- 1Th\_4:4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor
- 1Th\_4:7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.
- Heb\_12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
- 2Co\_7:1 & 2 Peter 1:5-11..
- 2. Observed increase in Self Denial

Luke 9:23,14:27,33

## How is a Christian truly growing?3. Growing together in self giving love.

- Grow together into Christ Eph 4:11-15
- Working for the Edification of the body of Christ!

#### 4. Growth glorifying God

2 Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

1 Peter 2:12- they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Mathew 5:16 - let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works

and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.