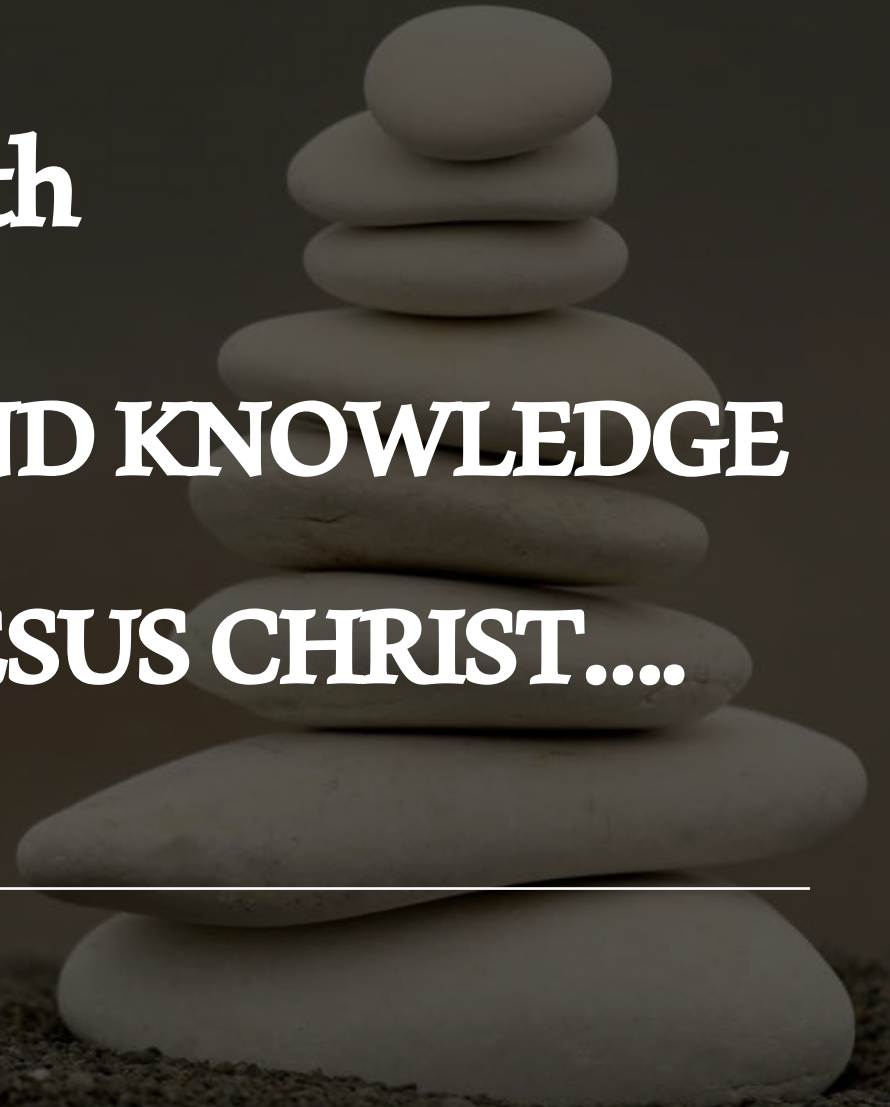


Continuous Spiritual Growth

**BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST....**

2 PETER 3:18



Why grow...? For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance, but for him who has not, even what he has will be taken away”

Matthew 13:11-12

- Growth is a sign of life. All living creatures grow and if they stopped growing, it starts to die. **No growth in spiritual life leads to boredom and deterioration**

-Most of us think that we have reached our spiritual goal if we stay away or stop certain sins.

But this is only called the negative struggle.

_ we grow spiritually when slowly slowly we get to know more our Lord Jesus Christ.

Growing spiritually needs patience, consistency and perseverance.

Goal of Spiritual growth...

- The spirit is the element in humanity that gives us the ability to have an intimate relationship with God. Whenever the word *spirit* is used, it refers to the immaterial part of humanity that “connects” with God, who Himself is spirit (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Spiritual growth is becoming more like Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 11:1, St. Paul says, “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of what it truly means to be spiritual .

..... and it's importance

.... And this is Eternal life, that they may know You the only true God and Jesus

Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3

- Knowing who am I and what is my ultimate goal, will help me understand the importance of spiritual growth:

1- I am son of God, King of Kings. His creation, He saved me with His precious blood.

2- My goal is.....

What do I feed on to grow spiritually...

1- Word of God: Man shall not live...Matthew 4:4, The words that I speak to you are spirit and life.. John 6:63

**2- Prayer, it's the tool that links us with God: I am the vine, you and you are the branches
...John 15:5**

3- Fasting helps the spirit to grow. Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed, Romans 8:13

4-Communion: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life .. John 6:54

5- Spiritual Water: If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink John 7:37,

Few points to check if I am growing spiritually..

- Am I a contributor or consumer..?

Hebrew 5:12 the time spent being a Christian, ought that I should be a contributor

- Am I eating meat or drinking milk..? Am I an dependent in reaching out to God's word, or I had to be fed?

- Am I able to discern right teaching from false one..?

Don't waste time on understanding other religions and ideologies, concentrate on the Word of God and the teaching of your church in order to distinguish false teachings and stay away from them.

Father of confession

- Can't stress enough on the importance of the father of confession.

-He is the most important thermostat for my spiritual life