

Holding Fast to Christ the Head of the Body and Growing with The Growth of God, Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work

We have seen that Jesus Christ offers eternal life to His believers who are born again unto a living hope through His resurrection from the dead (1 Peter 1:3) and that this happens through the word of Christ. John 3 and Colossians 1:12-14 tell us that such an encounter with Christ and His word, through the Father's mercy and love, causes us to see and enter the Kingdom of God's beloved Son in the Light while being transferred out of the kingdom of darkness to share in the glorious inheritance of the sanctified ones (saints in the light).

We have also seen that there is an urgent need for these newly born believers, who are now part of Christ's body (together with others who are born again), to grow. And the best way to grow is to eat and drink of Christ through His words which are Spirit and life.

Jesus and His apostles knew this was the case and spoke often of this need:

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints – the faith and love proceeding from the hope stored up for you in heaven, of which you have already heard in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood the grace of God." (Colossians 1:3-6).

"Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you with speculation about what he has seen. Such a person is puffed up without basis by his unspiritual mind. He has lost connection to the head, from whom the whole body, supported and knit together by its joints and ligaments, grows as God causes it to grow." (Colossians 2:18-19)

I'm sure the readers who are believers have this realization concerning the need for growth, but has it impressed you enough to desperately come to Christ and ask for His growth through the Spirit and open God's word frequently, looking to Him to make this growth and fruit-bearing happen for you and your fellow members of His body?