

Oxford Baptist Church – June 25, 2017

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Summer 2017 Series - "Grow!"

Message – Growing in Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Gal 2:20; Eph 3:14-21; Hebrews 4:14-16

A Relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything!

How do we grow in Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is fully God and Man.

Jesus Christ is the Saviour we all need and the only Lord to follow.

Gal. 2:20

Jesus Christ is with us _____ Matt 28:20

"A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us." Greg Ogden – Discipleship Essentials – A Guide to building your life in Christ.

- Jesus Christ dwells in our hearts through faith. Eph 3:14-21
- We are to be daily Dependant on Jesus Christ.
- Rooted and Built up in Him. Col 2:7.
- Help and Wisdom

Jesus Christ is our _____ and _____.

Hebrews 13:8; 1Peter 2:21; 1Cor 11:1

"We must glance at our problems and gaze at Jesus."

Thabiti Anyabwile - Hebrews 12:1-11

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- Jesus deals with Suffering. Heb. 5:8; Romans 8:17
- Jesus responds in Humility. Phil 2:6-11
- Jesus Loves and Forgives. Matt 5:39; Prov. 22:3

- Jesus takes authority over evil.
Romans 6:2; James 4:7; Matt 6:13
- Jesus is victorious in Spiritual Warfare.
1John 3:7-8; Ephesians 6:10-18
- Jesus deals with Temptation and Suffering.
Matt 4:1-11; Matt 26:41; 1Cor 10:13

Some Practical Helps in your growth in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Do you know him personally?
- Study His Life – Read the gospels; Harmony of the Gospels.
- Pray and Worship the Lord Daily.
- Seek his Wisdom in the daily decisions of life.
- Take time to ask Him what are the next steps in our relationship?

Grow Group Questions

1. Discuss the difference between being a convert of Jesus and a disciple of Jesus Christ.
2. Read the main scriptures bolded in the notes. How do these scriptures show it is an Ongoing Relationship with Jesus?
3. In what ways can we live in a daily dependence upon Jesus Christ?
4. Why do we need to be rooted and built up in Jesus Christ?
Col 2:7
5. Discipleship is all about us following the example of Jesus Christ. Discuss the quote "Jesus Christ is my leader/Rabbi-teacher and Lord and I am the Learner." How does this help us to stand firm in Christ and not spiritually drift into a spirit of religion?
6. What are two ways this summer that you are going to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? _____,
7. How does the example of Jesus help us with our problems?