

Growing In Christ

Springtime comes and things start to happen. One of the things we notice first is the buds that start to come out on the trees. Dogwood, Redbud, Bradford Pears and others start to blossom and the beauty of these trees become part of the day. There are so many wonders God has given us if we just take the time to enjoy them. You plant a sapling and it starts to grow. As you watch it, the sun and rain and the soil give it the necessary nourishment it needs. Soon the roots start to get longer and longer until the tree has become strong, healthy and well-secured in the soil. Through the years it has matured and taken its place in nature.

Our very lives as Christians are similar in so many ways. We hear the Word, we believe, repent of our sins, confess and then are baptized into Christ. We have then been planted in God's kingdom which is one of the greatest joys we can experience. We at this point are like the sapling in need of all the things necessary for us to mature and become Christlike. Our food is given to us through God's word. In II Timothy 2:15 we are told, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." In I Thessalonians 5:17 we are told to "Pray without ceasing."

As we study and grow, our lives develop deep-seated roots in God's love, continuing to immerse ourselves more fully in following His will and serving Him in every facet of our lives.

For the elders,
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