

### New Believer Lesson- Steps of Our Growth

Now that you have been saved and have become alive spiritually by asking Jesus into your heart by Faith We need to talk about growing up in your new faith and how to stay free from the bondage of sin.

When we talk about God forgiving us of our sin what exactly does that mean? Did we repent of our sin because we had to, and how did we actually receive that forgiveness?  
Is there a difference between repentance and regret, we feel for our sin?

A. **Regret** - regret is a *verb it means to have* sorrow or remorse for (an **act**, fault, and disappointment]

But **repentance** means to have a **deep** sorrow, compunction, or contrition for a past sin, wrongdoing, or the like. It's a total regret for any past action

Deep sorrow is the key action to refer to here. Regret leads to guilt and that is not true repentance  
Regret is feeling sorry for your sins rather than turning from them, feeling sorry you got caught  
Repentance is admitting and turning from your sin 180 degrees  
Real repentance is an agreeance with God it involves sharing the grief of God over Sin

Forgiveness is asking God voluntarily to forgive you, because you repented of all your sin. SO you chose to turn your life around when you were confronted with the truth. You freely gave your heart and life to Christ and he forgave you freely, this is where the growth process begins. **FOR IT WAS A CHOICE OR FREE WILL**

### SO HOW DO WE NOW LIVE VICTORIOUS STAYING FREE FROM BONDAGE TO SIN AND GROW IN GRACE

1. We need to develop a good habit of asking God to keep our minds and consciences clean of guilt and unconfessed sins  
**1 John 1:9** if we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness
2. Now that you have accepted Jesus into your life you now have a choice whether you will control your sin nature that part of you that wants to keep doing wrong. We have a sin nature that remains even after we are saved but we must learn to control our thoughts and desires. This is where God's word comes in.  
**Galatians 5:16-19** says we must live by the Spirit [of God] and you will not gratify the desires of the Sinful nature
3. Giving God control over our lives- this simply means yielding to him completely. We must give Him control over our sinful patterns of our lives, so we stay FREE from the control of sin.  
Growth begins to show when we stay faithful and obey God's word in the midst of temptation.  
**Romans \*** says there is now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus... [Rom 8:1-2]  
**2Corinthians 3:17** says- the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is Freedom!

Genuine Conversion means a change and especially a change with our attitude towards sin.

### Questions-

1. According to **2 Peter 3:9** what does it say is God's desire is for everyone?
2. What does the Gospel of **Mark** say in **1:15** that Jesus came preaching?
3. How did Peter conclude his first Sermon Read- **Acts 2:38**
4. How can people be recovered from the snare of the Devil?  
**James 4:7, 2 Timothy 2:23-26**

Now that we have learned about repentance and forgiveness how do we grow up in this new Walk with Jesus?

### Growth in Obedience

Growing up in our faith takes work along with strong relationship, faith, obedience and Trust. So what main factors help us to do this?

### Growth comes when we:

1. We must search the scriptures daily to learn about what God does in us and for us!!  
The Bible is full of theology and doctrinal teachings especially spelled out by the Apostle Paul in Pauline Literature. WE must learn those things that are elements that Keep us strong.  
**Hebrews 2:1** tell us we must "we must pay careful attention therefore to what we Have heard so we do not drift away" NIV [Bible version] we need to retain What we hear and remember it and apply it to our lives or it will do us no good
2. We need to be faithful to all God calls us to be...in thought word and deed.  
Faithfulness means keeping our integrity in action, what we do and act like is To be like our Saviour Christ Jesus. We must walk our talk  
**Titus 2:1-11,**  
We must always set an example with our lives  
**I Timothy 4:12- says set an example in speech, life love faith and purity...NIV**
3. We must be "Doers of the Word" if we hear God's word and don't apply and obey it, it Becomes useless... we must apply it and God will work deeply in our lives  
**James 1:22- do not merely listen to the word do what it says...NIV**
4. We must die to our fleshly desires...things we want must be second to what God wants we must be willing daily to submit to God's plan for us..as we read his Word we learn his plan for us..**Romans 12:1-2**
5. Prayer- prayer is a communication line to God; we must develop a pray time daily That focuses on God. We must learn to talk to God listen to God and hear his voice This is all done through prayer, for that is how he leads us  
**I Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13-20**
6. Calling- we must be about our Father Business- telling others about his Truth that That he came to save the world from Sin John **3:16**  
We need to go and make disciples of all nations as he commanded us to do  
**Matthew 28 16-20**

7. After having done all we can we must be faithful to attend his house of Worship  
That is go to church all we can, to hear the Word preached as it bring faith  
**Romans 10:17**- [faith by hearing the Word]  
We must be faithful to meet together with others as it strengths each of us and  
Builds us each up Hebrews **10:25**- "forsake not the gathering together of the  
Brethren...

### **Questions**

1. **Matthew 4:4** - what does it say that we should live on?
2. **In John 17:17** what does Jesus say about the Word of God?
3. What does **2 Timothy 3:15-17** say that the scriptures do for us?
4. Why is it very important to memorize the Bible what is to be gained in doing so?  
**Psalm 119:9-16** [David speaking]
5. What reason does Peter Give in his Book **1 Peter 2:2-3** to read the Bible?

So remember make sure your read your Bible its life to who read it and it's the wisdom  
That we need to teach us how to live

### **Remember how to stay free in Christ:**

1. **Resist** the devil for his plan for you is to rob, kill and destroy your life
2. **Renounce**- we need to renounce our sin turn from it and be healed
3. **Confess**- if we confess our sin and are quick to turn from it we will learn to live  
Victorious
4. **Forgive**- we need to confess our sins and ask God to forgive us and those that wrong us.

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