

Sunday Morning, May 3, 2015
What Does Spiritual Maturity Look Like?
Ephesians 4:13-24; 5:1-2; Colossians 3:10

- I. What Is God's Plan for Your Spiritual Maturity?
 - A. Spiritual Maturity Is the Given. Eph. 4:13 - 15
 - 1. Spiritual Immaturity Is Expected, Acceptable at First 1 Pet. 2:2

 - 2. But Spiritual Immaturity Is Dangerous Because One Is Unstable Eph. 4:14

 - 3. And Spiritual Immaturity Is Dangerous Because One Is Vulnerable
Eph. 4:14; Heb. 5:13

 - 4. Therefore, Spiritual Immaturity Is to Be Temporary
Eph. 4:15; 2 Pet. 3:18

 - B. Spiritual Maturity Is His Goal.
 - 1. God's Goal for You Is Unity of the Faith. 4:13; Jude 1:3

 - 2. Goal Is to Restore the Image of God in Us.
4:24; Col. 3:10; Gen. 1:31; 1 Cor. 15:49; 2 Cor. 3:18

 - 3. God's Goal Is the Very Likeness of Jesus Himself
4:13; 4:15; 4:20; 5:1; Col. 1:15 and Heb. 1:3; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18

- II. What Is God's Process for Your Spiritual Maturity?
 - A. The Process Is to Learn to Exchange --- To Put Off / Put On 4:22

 - B. The Process Is More and More to Put off Sin
Rom. 8:13; Mk. 8:34-35; Eph. 4:20; 4:17; 5:2-3; 4:22; Phil. 3:14

 - C. The Process Is More and More to Put on Christ

Quotes

“The Christian life involves a fight. But it’s a fight we will win. You have the Spirit of Christ in your corner . . . Sin may get in some good jabs. It may clean your clock once in a while. It may bring you to your knees. But if you are in Christ it will never knock you out. You are no longer a slave, but free. Sin has no dominion over you. It can’t. It won’t. A new King sits on the throne. You serve a different Master. You salute a different Lord.”
(Kevin DeYoung)

“This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise; we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road.”
(Martin Luther)

“For though obedience does not make us children, as the gift of adoption is gratuitous, yet it distinguishes children from aliens. . . . Hence we learn what Christians ought to propose to themselves as an object throughout life, that is, to resemble God in holiness and purity.”
(John Calvin)

“It is essential to make war against indwelling sin and not come to terms with it.”
(John Stott)

“Presumptuous and delusive is that hope of seeing Christ hereafter which does not produce an ardent desire and endeavor to be conformed to him here.”
(Robert Shaw)

“He who does truly accept Christ as a Savior accepts him as a Savior from sin, and not only as a Savior from the punishment of sin. But it is impossible that anyone should heartily receive Christ as a Savior from sin and the ways of sin, if he is not one who sincerely has a mind to part with all the ways of sin; for he who has not a mind that sin and he should be separated cannot have a mind to receive a Savior to part them.”
(Jonathan Edwards)