

GROWING UP IN CHRIST - PART 2
Sermon Questions

What is the process and what are the “stages” of Christian growth we talked about last week?

Read Galatians 5:19-23. How is the struggle to grow like a tug of war inside of us? Describe the two sides pulling us in either direction. What is the difference between works and fruit, as discussed here? Briefly discuss what each work and each fruit mean. (*The Message* has an interesting translation of this passage.)

Who or what is a ‘pre-Christian?’ What would be the characteristics (good & bad) of a person without Christ? Read 1 Corinthians 3:14 & Galatians 5:19-19-21 & Ephesians 2:1-3.

Describe the strengths and weaknesses of a Child of God, as a stage in Christian growth. Read 1 John 2:12; John 1:12; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Galatians 5:22-24;

Describe the strengths and weaknesses of a Youth in Christ, as a stage in Christian growth. Read 1 John 2:14b; 2 Timothy 2:22; Galatians 5:22-25.

Describe the strengths and weaknesses of an Adult in Christ, as a stage in Christian growth. Read 1 John 2:13a; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Ephesians 4:12, 13, 15.

Some have shown Christian growth to be like climbing a ladder. How can this be considered an inappropriate understanding of Christian development?

How is the growth and development of a tree a more appropriate model? (germination of the seed, holistic growth, fruit, reproduction)