



January 23, 2022 | Growing, Thriving Faith
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Colossians 2:6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Big Idea: God has already given us everything we need for a strong, thriving faith; but we must put it into practice.

THE GIFT TO EMPOWER FAITH (v 6)

- Faith is a gift of God but so is the _____ to live out that faith.

John 14:26

John 16:8

1 Corinthians 12:11

Jude 1:20

Romans 8:26-27

Luke 12:12

Ephesians 1:13

- The key to engaging the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life is giving up _____.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, . . .

THE WORD THAT FEEDS OUR FAITH (v 7a)

- The depth of your faith is directly tied to the depth of your _____.

John 8:31-32 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- In order to have a growing faith, we need to have a _____ of His Word.

Psalms 19:7-9 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

THE GROWTH THAT IS EVIDENCE OF FAITH (v 7b)

- You know your faith is maturing when you can be thankful for what God is doing in your life—even when it’s _____.

John 15:1-2 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

- You also know your faith is maturing when you can be thankful for what God is doing in the lives of _____.

1 Corinthians 12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.