

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
VOLUME 5: LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
MESSAGE 35: THE CARE AND FEEDING OF THE RECREATED
HUMAN SPIRIT
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- **FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:**

- **1 Peter 1:22-23**

- Develop our new-born spirit through the Word that got us born-again: God's Covenant Words
- All of the following should be developing the recreated human spirit
 - Church attendance: Hebrews 10:25
 - Personal Study: 2 Timothy 2:15
 - Meditation: Joshua 1:8

- **2 Peter 1:1-4**

- Obtain Faith
- Allow the Grace & Peace to Multiply
- The Divine Power of God (the Holy Spirit) provides Life
- Partake of the Divine Nature of God through God's exceeding great and precious promises (God's Covenant Words)

- **Titus 3:5**

- Regenerated: Life (John 10:10)
- Renewed: Abundant Life (John 10:10)

- **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**

- Verse 3: no growth, still thinking in terms of the world
- Verse 10-11: "take heed how he builds thereon"
 - How is your spirit being built up?
 - The Foundation:
 - Jesus (Savior – full Salvation)
 - Christ (The ANOINTED One with His ANOINTING)
 - Yoke destroying, burden removing, devil defeating Power of Almighty God (God's Holy Spirit in the Born-again Believer)

I. Your Spirit is Like a Garden, What's being Planted in Your Garden?

- a. 1 Corinthians 3:9 = "laborers together with God"
 - i. 1 Corinthians 3:9 [Ben Campbell Johnson's Paraphrase] "We are co-workers with God. You are God's Garden or God's building."
 - ii. Don't just plant one time – how much harvest do you desire?
 1. Luke 8:11
 2. Mark 4:14
 - iii. Romans 10:17 = Faith comes by hearing & hearing the Word of God
- b. Faith has to be Watered – it's of the Spirit
 - i. Preachers need to preach a message more than once
 - ii. Preaching like eating physical food: we want only what we like
 1. Vegetables are important to physical growth & strength
- c. People get into trouble when they use physical food for entertainment and recreation – Church will do the same thing: cause trouble instead of creating growth
 - i. Physical food is for growth and strength & so is the Church: "feed My sheep"; Jesus said
 - ii. The Sower Sows the Word (Preachers are Sowers)

II. Start Where Your Faith is Now

- a. Then Grow
 - i. Don't be satisfied and then coast through life
 - ii. Keep planting and watering
- b. It takes planting and watering to create the Harvest
 - i. Reap and continue to Harvest
 - ii. Water – work and till the ground
 1. Set your hand to the plow
 2. Praise brings the Rain and plows the ground
 - iii. Keep on and on and on

III. Work the Garden

- a. 1 Corinthians 3:9 – co-workers with God
- b. Mark 4:26-29
 - i. Bring the Rain
 - ii. Plow
 - iii. Plant Seed (the Word of God)
 - iv. Bring the Rain – water the garden
 - v. Be Patient it's growing
 - vi. Reap the Harvest