

IV. THE BIBLE IS NOURISHING (2:2)

“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4

“14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.”

I Corinthians 2:14-3:1

“If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.” I Timothy 4:6

“I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.” Job 23:12

ARE YOU GROWING THROUGH THE BIBLE?

“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;....” Jeremiah 15:16a

GROWING THROUGH THE BIBLE Acceleration: The Bible And Spiritual Growth

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INTRODUCTION

- A. The normal Christian life is a growing relationship with Jesus. You are to be like Jesus and this means ongoing development. Spiritual growth is not automatic; it requires action. The most important action is growing through the Bible every day.

“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,” I Peter 2:2

If you are not growing you are shrinking and if you are shrinking you are sinning. Remember, a dusty Bible leads to a dirty life!!

- B. In this series, you will you will learn how to grow through the Bible and be a “self-feeder” with the Word of God.

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- C. **Text:** I Peter 1:18-2:2 (Pew Bible/Pg 235/New Testament)

THE BIBLE AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

I. THE BIBLE IS **REGENERATING** (1:18-23a)

“3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” John 3:3-7

“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” I Corinthians 15:-1-4

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.” Luke 8:11

“9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:9,17

II. THE BIBLE IS **ENDURING** (1:23b-25)

“6 The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:6-8

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?” Genesis 3:1

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:35

III. THE BIBLE IS **PURIFYING** (2:1)

“9 How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:9-11

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” Ephesians 6:17

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

I John 1:9