

Oceanside URC—Wednesday School of Theology Holiness #7 Rev. Danny Hyde, Pastor

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

*All page numbers are from J. C. Ryle, *Holiness: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots* (London: William Hunt and Company, 1879).

Chapter 6: "Growth"

• If we are complete in Christ, having been "filled in him" (Col. 2:10), why do we talk of growth?

The Reality of Growth (121–126)

- Do we need to grow in our justification? In what area do we need to grow in?
- How is growth in grace "the best evidence of spiritual health and prosperity"?
- How is growth in grace "one way to be happy in our religion"?
- How is growth in grace "one secret of usefulness to others"?
- How does growth in grace "please God"?
- How are we accountable for our growth in grace?

The Marks of Growth (126–131)

- o Humility
- Faith and Love

- o Holiness
- Spirituality of taste
- Charity
- o Zeal

The Means of Growth (131–142)

- Why are *means* necessary?
- Private means of grace [prayer, reading Bible, meditation]
- Public means of grace [public worship, preaching, prayer and praise, sacraments]
- Watchfulness
- Caution about company we keep
- o Regular and habitual communion with the Lord