

"WHY ARE YOU WAITING?" Part 2

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II. "I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH YET"

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III. "I WANT TO WAIT UNTIL I AM SURE I CAN LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

A. THIS IMPLIES A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE

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2. Again, they forget that being a Christian is a growth process
 - a. We start out as "_____", often still carnal in behavior - cf. **1 Corinthians 3:1-2**
 - b. But we are to grow, gradually putting off the "old man" and putting on the "_____"
- **2 Pet 3:18; Col 3:8-10**

B. IN FACT, ONE CANNOT LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WITHOUT _____!

1. If you wait until you can live the Christian life to become a Christian, you will be waiting forever!
2. It is only in Christ that we receive the strength to overcome the struggles of the flesh -
 - **2 Corinthians 12:9** –
 - **Ephesians 3:16** —
 - **Colossians 1:9** —
3. We need Christ and His strength in order to truly _____!
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Matthew 24:50-51 _____

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