

# 49. Growing as a Christian

Colossians 2



You received Christ Jesus as Lord. Live for him. Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe.

Colossians 2:6-7

## **Growing as a Christian**

A new Christian is like a fresh plant that needs air, sunshine, soil, and rain. Without these, it will not grow. Believers need to do this to grow:

- 1) Pray
- 2) Read the Bible
- 3) Meet with other Christians
- 4) Give to others
- 5) Tell the Good News

You talk to God through prayer. Pray to God anywhere, anytime. Pray with your eyes open or closed. God can even hear silent prayers. Isn't that cool?

God talks to you through the Bible. Read it each day. Start in Mark. This short book tells about Jesus' life.

Christians need to be with their believing brothers and sisters. If you can't go to church, ask God for Christian friends and Bible teachers.

God's heart is to give to those in need. Churches help the needy, and you can too. Open your eyes to see hurts. What can you share with others?

There are probably children in your life who do not know God. Tell your friends, "Jesus came into my life! Want to meet him?" This is called the "Good News."

Growing takes time and effort. God is your loving Father. He will teach you and help you grow up.

## Questions

1. How is a new Christian like a plant?
2. What does a new Christian need to grow?
3. How many ways are you growing?
4. What part of growing do you need help with?

### Pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,  
I love you. I want to grow as a Christian. I want you to be proud of me. Please help me grow to be a good disciple. Help me to get what I need to grow. Thank you.  
Amen

Write in the hand the five ways  
to grow as a Christian.  
It will spell I GROW.

**I** will... pray  
**G**ive  
**R**ead my Bible  
**O**bey and tell  
**W**orship at church

