

### III. BE UNIFIED IN THE PERSON OF GOD

- A. Immature believers are self-centered, divisive and focused on man.

<sup>3</sup> *“for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”*

<sup>4</sup> *For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal?”*

I Corinthians 3:3-4

- B. Mature believers are humble, loving and focused on God.

<sup>5</sup> *“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?”*

<sup>6</sup> *I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”*

I Corinthians 3:5-6

<sup>10</sup> *“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

I Corinthians 1:10

### IV. BE COMMITTED TO SERVICE FOR GOD

- A. Mature believers co-labor with God knowing that He gives life to their efforts.

<sup>7</sup> *“So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.”*

I Corinthians 3:7

- B. Mature believers co-labor with God knowing they will be rewarded.

<sup>8</sup> *“Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”*

I Corinthians 3:8

<sup>21</sup> *“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”*

Matthew 25:21

### ROOTED IN CHRIST

#### Growing In Maturity

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#### Introduction:

- A. Let's deepen our roots in Christ! Let us obey Colossians 2:6-7a which says,

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.”*

Deep spiritual roots will not and cannot happen by accident. They must be intentionally cultivated.

God is the divine gardener, who has our spiritual maturity as His ultimate goal. Jesus used agricultural imagery to describe this process.

- B. Attend the Rooted In Christ Teaching Series to deepen your roots in Christ through planting, growing, pruning and harvesting. Discover a more fruitful and stronger kingdom life.

June 1	Planting The Seed
TODAY	Growing In Maturity
June 15	Pruning Away Sin
June 22	Laboring In The Harvest

- C. **TEXT:** I Corinthians 2:14-3:9

Key Verse:

*“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”*

I Corinthians 3:6

## HOW TO GROW IN MATURITY

I Corinthians 3:9a says, “you are God’s field.” This means God will beautifully cultivate your life for growth and maturity.

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;”*  
Psalm 1:1

### I. BE CONTROLLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. The natural man is unsaved and does not have the Holy Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> *“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.”*  
I Corinthians 2:14

- B. The carnal man is saved, but immature because they are not controlled by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> *“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.”*  
I Corinthians 3:1

- C. The spiritual man is saved and mature because they are controlled by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>15</sup> *“But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.”*

<sup>16</sup> *For ‘who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.”*  
I Corinthians 2:15-16

<sup>16</sup> *“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”* Galatians 5:16

<sup>5</sup> *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”*  
Philippians 2:5

## II. BE NOURISHED WITH THE WORD OF GOD

- A. Immature believers are malnourished.

<sup>2</sup> *“I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;*

<sup>3</sup> *for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”*

I Corinthians 3:2-3

<sup>4</sup> *“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

- B. Mature believers start with milk, but then progress to the meat of the Word.

<sup>2</sup> *“as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”*

I Peter 2:2

<sup>12</sup> *“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”*

<sup>13</sup> *For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

<sup>14</sup> *But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

<sup>1</sup> *Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection...”*  
Hebrews 5:12-6:1a