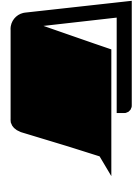


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A SERIES IN 1 PETER

Sunday, February 14, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 6 | Two Marks of Real Faith

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

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If you're truly **BORN AGAIN**

v. 1:22-25, 2:3

**regeneration** — *obedience to the truth*

1 Peter 1:2-3ff

**through God's Word**

v. 1:23-25; Isaiah 40:6, 8; Hebrews 4:12

**faith, hope, love**

v. 1:2-3ff; 1 Cor. 13:13; 1 Thess. 1:3

you'll **LOVE OTHERS**

v. 1:22, 2:1

**earnestly, from the heart**

v. 1:22; Mark 12:28-31

**put these things away...**

v. 2:1; James 1:21

*Love seeks good, not harm!*

and **LONG FOR JESUS.**

v. 2:1-3

Psalms 42:1; 84:2

**Take in the Word! Grow up!**

Ephesians 4:15; Deut. 8:3

**taste and see**

Psalms 34:8



**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

## Getting Started

### Getting to Know You: Use this guide

for your personal and group study this week. Part of our goal together is getting to know one another. *What was the worst style choice you ever made?*

***Just as physical growth varies for all of us, the same is true for our spiritual growth. Which of the following words could be used to describe your spiritual growth journey?***

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|----------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Growing        | Falling    | Refreshed       | Hasn't Started Yet |
| Just Beginning | Consistent | Confused        | Starting Over      |
| Rebellious     | Struggling | Going Backwards | Other              |

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

- Peter tells us to “grow up into salvation”. Paul says something similar to the church in Ephesus, that they should “grow up in every way into Christ”. In his letter to the church of the Thessalonians, Paul describes what it looks like to grow up spiritually in midst of “severe suffering.” **Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.** Then jot down how Paul describes the faith of the Thessalonians, himself, and his friends.

*What is most attractive to you about how they live out their faith?*

*How do you think they were able to mature in such a trying situation?*

- Growing up spiritually involves both God’s Spirit working in our lives from the inside out, and us working on how God calls us to live (**see Philippians 2:12-13**). The process of maturing can be hard work. Paul often used the analogy of athletic competition to help Christians understand their part in growing up spiritually. How do the following verses increase or affirm your understanding of what it takes to develop a spiritually mature perspective?

**Philippians 3:13-14    1 Corinthians 9:24-27    2 Timothy 2:4-5    Hebrews 12:1-2**

- Growing up spiritually involves both knowledge of God’s Word and action on our part. We *must* live it out, and live holy lives. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-18** gives a list of great things to *know and live out* as we follow Jesus and impact those around us. As you read the list, which one or two have you seen or do you think would push you toward the most growth?

# Personal Prayer Items

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## FEBRUARY CHALLENGE

### *Start a new spiritual habit.*

If you're a follower of Jesus, you're holy. You're his. Set apart. Different. Are you living like it? — The way to live like it begins with developing habits that reflect who you truly are. What's a spiritual habit you can work to develop this month? Bible reading? Memorization? Praying Scripture? Write it down and go for it!

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### Word Find for 1 Peter 1:13-19 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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