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The daily choices we make must line up with the word of God, the choices we made yesterday are the product of our lives today. Daily seeking His face, spending time alone with Him just to become like Him hearing Him in every line. *"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."* (Hebrews 10:35-39 KJV).

AMBASSADOR'S BRIEF

"A Church where everybody is somebody- Christ's Ambassador" II Cor. 5:20

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Growing Your Faith in Christ Jesus

Having resolved that walking with God is a journey, a way, a way of life, a life style in which I must make progress, the issue of growth is not an option. We are not talking about growing arbitrarily but growing in God correctly and in the correct direction, in Christ Jesus. The old nature, sinful or the Adamic fallen man cannot be nurtured by the word of God. What the word does to the old nature is to confront him in repentance, genuine and sincere repentance. The only man that can grow correctly in God is the new creation life, no one accidentally gets into heaven, if you don't have His image, nature, or likeness you cannot walk with God.

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain." (Galatians 2:20,21 NKJV). This is the place where grace begins to work for you, it's an empowerment for action and to obey God word not a licence for lawlessness. *"I have been put to death with Christ on his cross, so that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me."* (Galatians 2:19, 20 GNT).

The new birth is a deep, inward, radical change, brought about by the Holy Spirit in our human personality by which we receive a new heart and a new life and become a new creation. *"Be like new born babies, always thirsty for the pure spiritual milk, so that by drinking it you may grow up and be saved."* (1 Peter 2:2 GNT). The point Peter is emphasising now is that we do not emerge from the new birth with the understanding and character of a mature Christian, but like 'new born babies' still weak, immature, vulnerable and needing above all to grow. (continued on inside page)

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MISSION STATEMENT: *Our mission as a church is to*

- 1. Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and in action, teach the scriptures and disciple those who receive the message of Christ;*
- 2. Help discover the greatness in through discipleship, and provoke that greatness unto manifestation so that you can fulfil destiny and be a blessing to humanity;*
- 3. Become like Jesus.*

Our vision is to raise a crop of people who will carry the Great Commission around the world (Matt 28:18-20). We will reach the unsaved through strategic and unique community development initiatives. We will be Christ's Ambassadors. II Corinthians 5:20.

To accomplish this vision, the Lord has led us to develop the following seven structures:

- ❖ Youth Ministry
- ❖ Music Ministry
- ❖ Prayer Ministry
- ❖ Drama Ministry
- ❖ Europe Missions & Missions
- ❖ Outreach Ministry
- ❖ Care Ministry

CORE VALUES

- **To love God wholeheartedly**
- **To love people unconditionally**
- **To hate sin militantly**
- **To pursue destiny passionately**

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We need to grow in knowledge, holiness, faith, love and hope. Growing up in our salvation is of paramount importance if we are going to walk with God. Rid yourself of all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind - it implies these things are babyish, we must grow out of them into Christlikeness. How are we to grow? Crave pure spiritual milk, just as the secret of the healthy growth of a child is the regularity of a right diet, so daily disciplined feeding is the major condition of spiritual growth.

Therefore to grow submitting to the lordship of the word of God is important in life and our walk with Him. Walking with God is important before you can work for Him. You don't commit yourself to a stranger whom you do not know or have a relationship with. It's a relationship that begins the walk of faith, the faith that will obtain a good report. This faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God, it comes by reading and also reading the word of faith. There is a great need for daily Christian discipline to live by faith. The just shall live by faith, grow from faith to faith and grace to great grace.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible..... But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him".

(Hebrews 11:1-3, 6 NKJV). Let us look at the first man, he was without struggle in life, flourishing in all he did in the garden because he was carrying the image of God, the walk with God was awesome.

When Eve bought into the lies and deception, a wrong foundation was laid in the flesh, which is the foundation of many lives today and many who claimed to be working for God. Satan laid the foundation of struggle, poverty, sin, murder, struggle etc. *"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ".* (1 Corinthians 3:10, 11 KJV)

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