

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

Part 1 49. Growing as a Christian

Words by Syllable Type

Closed short vowel stop	Open long vowel go	Silent e long vowel cave	Vowel Teams long vowels eat
can -ab- ask plant ef- -ven fresh -pen -dren -lent him if sis- will chil- with prob- God up sun	he Je sus be e ven be liever Bi ble si lent go o pen my need y prob ab ly	came takes share these like shine life time those close	air rain day pray pray er be liev ers see meet need y each hear teach es grow know new cool too
Vowel Teams other sounds oil	R-controlled orange	Consonant l-e purple	Other
good book soil with out a bout call	start Mark pray er believ ers sis ters teach ers hurts church or for short ef fort	Bi ble	-nk, -ng bank, thing believ ing grow ing Schwa ba nan a  a bout

Part 2 **Growing as a Christian**

New Words, Rule Breakers

Silent letters

know **Christian** **talk**

Possessives

Jesus' life

Contractions I'm = I **am**

can't = can **not** isn't = is **not**

New Words






probably through believers


Rule Breakers

is	eyes	loving
to	give	other
do	their	Father
who	there	brothers
the	want	Christian
you	what	anywhere
your	friends	through

Part 3 Growing as a Christian

Dividing Words into Syllables

Broken into syllables	Full Words	Broken into syllables	Full Words
1. rab bit words		3. cam el words	
ef fort	effort	prob ab ly	probably
sis ters	sisters		
Chris tian	Christian	4. tur tle words	
		Bi ble	Bible
2. ti ger words			
e ven	even	5.ant eater compound words	
Je sus	Jesus	with out	without
be lievers	believers	any time	anytime
si lent	silent	sun shine	sunshine
o pen	open	any where	anywhere

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6. foxes suffixes		7. other syllable divisions	
need y	needy	a bout	about
pray er	prayer		
teach er	teacher		
church es	churches		
grow ing	growing		
believ ing	believing		
<u>closed</u>	closed		
<u>called</u>	called		

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

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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?

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
Give
Read my Bible
Obey and tell
Worship at church



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Phrased for Fluency

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<p>1. establish (es - TAB - lish): to begin something</p>	<p>2. abound (a - BOUND): to be filled with</p>
<p>3. dwell (dwell): to live in</p>	<p>4. admonish (ad - MON - ish): to remind</p>
<p>5. spiritual (SPIR - it - u- al): about God or heaven</p>	<p>6. steadfast (STEAD- fast): to firmly keep going</p>

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Colossians 2:6-7; 16-17; 4:2a World English Bible (WEB)

As therefore you received Christ Jesus, the Lord, walk in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it in thanksgiving.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching...

...and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns,

and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving.