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Topic: **Growing in Christ (part 2)**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 2: 1-5

1. To grow in Christ, it takes time and effort and discipline. In verse 1, the Bible tells us the first step is to deal with our sins. We are saved when we repent of our sins and put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This strive against sins must continue in us even when we become the children of God.
2. We are to keep on laying aside the sins of malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies and all evil speaking, Such sins and other sins in our lives must be mortified.
3. The second step as learned in 1 Peter 2 is to desire for God's Word (v.2). We must be like a newborn baby who yearns and cries for the milk of God's Word. Without God's Word, we will not be fed spiritually. Every growing child of God will have this desperate cry to desire for God's Word.
4. The third step is to desire for Christ (v.3-4). We must see how gracious the Lord Jesus Christ is to save us from our sins. He is indeed the Chief Corner Stone and the Living Stone. He ought to be most precious to us and the most important Person in our lives.
5. The fourth step is to grow in our service for the Lord (v.5). We are the lively stones or living stones and ought to contribute to the Kingdom of God. We should edify one another and serve the Lord wholeheartedly.