

Title: Christian Maturity

Passage: Colossians 1:21-28; Hebrews 5:11-6:11

Series: Core

Main Point: Toil for Christian maturity, its essential for mission and salvation surety

What is Christian maturity?

Christian Maturity - the development of being like Jesus in every single way

Characteristics:

- Sacrificial love and care that brings unity in the church (Col. 2:2; 1 Co. 3:1-4; Rom 15:1-3)
- Stability & Confidence in faith (Col. 1:23, 2:2-5, 2 Thess. 1:4, 2 Pet. 3:17-18)

Why is Christian maturity important?

- Essential for mission (Acts 11:22-26, Matt. 28:20)
- Commanded to make mature disciples (Matt. 28:20)
- Commanded to grow to maturity (Heb 6:1, 2 Pet. 2:2)
- Maturity is evidence of saving faith (Heb. 6:4-12, 2 Pet. 2:2-3)

What's required to mature as disciples?

- Sacrificial toil and service of the whole church (Col. 1:28, 4:12; Eph.4:11-13)
- Teaching & practice in God's word (Col. 1:25-28; Heb. 5:14)
- Repentance & proactive action to grow (Heb. 6:1; 1 Pet. 2:2-3)