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THE TWO PHASES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory
both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

FOR YOU – The church of Jesus, lacking in revelation, has served Christ in flesh, which came to fruition of the law with its mandates, ceremonies, ablutions, sacrifices, thus leaving to live in the New Covenant of the resurrected Christ with his promises and eternal blessings.

“Grow In the Grace To be Formed In it”, Recognizing The Position in Christ: Security, Sanctity, Inheritance

- “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:6)
- “He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness...” (Colossians 1:13)
- “For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever...” (Hebrews 10:14)
- “For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable...” (1 Peter 1:23)
- “...Keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence...” (Jude 24)
- We have the guarantee that our salvation is forever.

Some verses as reference:

Isiah 35:8

Isaiah 46:4

John 3:16

John 8:35

John 10:28

Romans 8:38-39

1 Corinthians 5:5

Ephesians 4:30

Philippians 1:6

Colossians 3:4

2 Timothy 1:12

1 John 5:18

“And Knowledge of Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ”

- “My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2-3)

The Pre-existence of God

- “They said, Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven?’” (John 6:42)
- “Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!” (John 6:62)
- Ascended to heaven He who came down from there. (John 3:13)

- “‘You are not yet fifty years old’, they said to him, ‘and you have seen Abraham!’” (John 8:56-58)
- “And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the

world began.” (John 17:5)

The Deity of God

- “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)
- “... and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)
- “The Word became flesh...” (John 1:14)
- “The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me.” (John 12:45)
- “Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?” (John 14:10)
- “Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised!” (Romans 9:5)
- “Giving up the form of God, he made himself in human likeness.” (Philippians 2:6-7)
- “He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:17)
- God was manifested in flesh. Christ is God. (1 Timothy 3:16)

The Two Manifestations of the Lord Jesus Christ:

1. Christ in the Days of His Flesh (the church’s groom according to the LAW)

- Jesus fasted for 40 days. (Matthew 4:1-2)
- Jesus reserved Saturdays according to the law. (Matthew 5:17)
- He was circumcised at the completion of eight days. (Luke 2:21)
- According to the Law of Moses, he was presented to the Lord. (Luke 2:22)
- Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. (John 13:5)
- Jesus got dressed and ate according to the law: Jesus has submitted himself to all Jewish festivities.

2. Christ In The Days of His Resurrection (the church's groom according to the GRACE)

- “So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” (2 Corinthians 5:16)
- “... that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.” (Romans 7:4)
- “... we preach Christ crucified...” (after the flesh). (1 Corinthians 1:23)
- “During the days of Jesus’ life on earth...” (Hebrews 5:7-10)
- “by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body...” (Hebrews 10:20-22)

FINAL WORDS: The God of all the Grace, in Christ, perfects us, firms, fortifies and underlies (1 Peter 5:10). When your life is based on Him, your confession is aligned with a pact of superior promises.