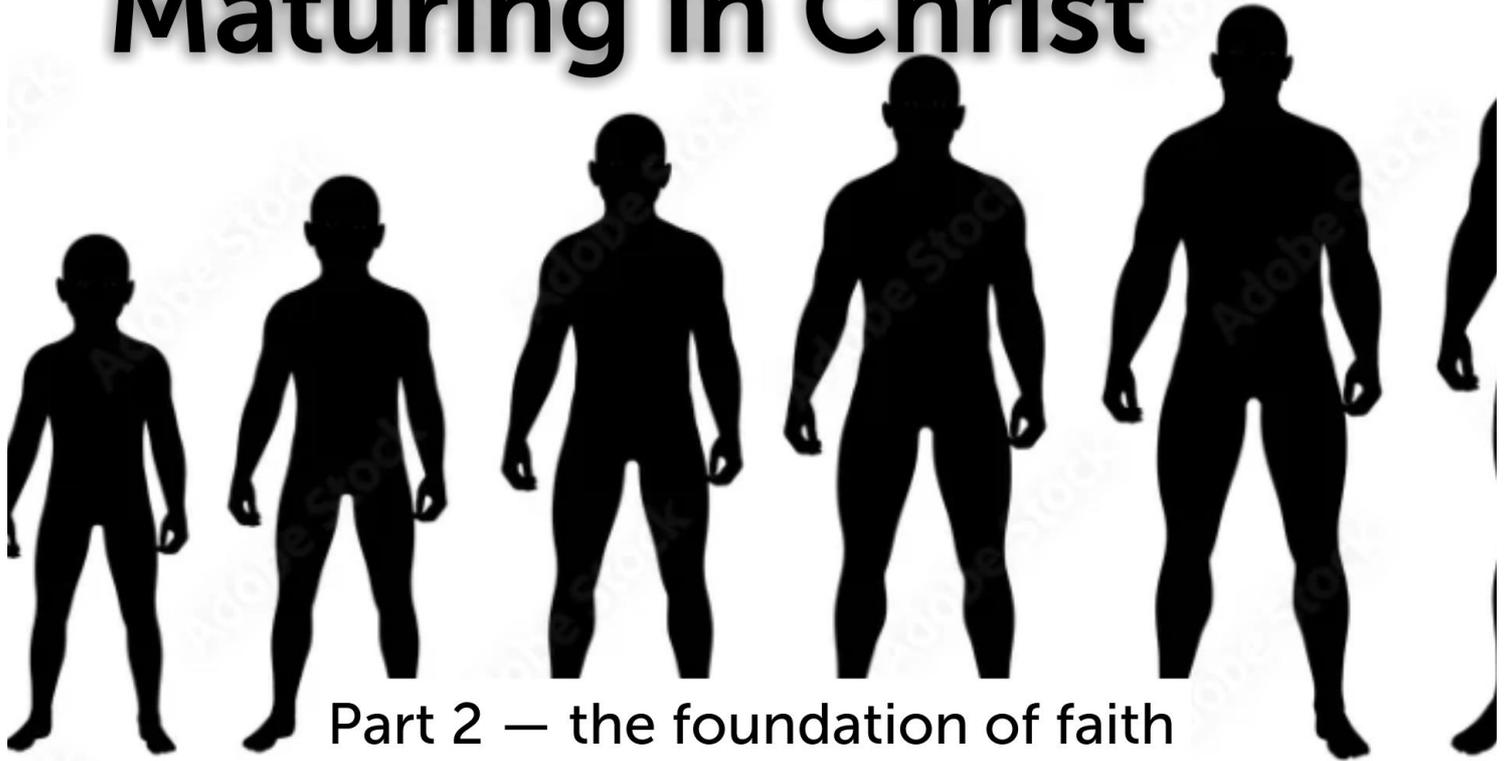


Maturing in Christ



Part 2 — the foundation of faith

1 Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:1–13

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to
you in the knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord;

2 Peter 1:1–13

3 seeing that *His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness*, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Peter 1:1–13

4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

2 Peter 1:1–13

5 Now for this very reason also,
*applying all diligence, in your faith
supply moral excellence, and in your
moral excellence, knowledge,*

2 Peter 1:1–13

6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,

2 Peter 1:1–13

7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1:1–13

8 For *if these qualities are yours and are increasing*, they render you *neither useless nor unfruitful* in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1–13

9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins.

2 Peter 1:1–13

10 Therefore, brethren, *be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;*

2 Peter 1:1–13

11 for *in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ *will be abundantly supplied to you.*

2 Peter 1:1–13

12 Therefore, *I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them*, and have been established in the truth which is present with you.

2 Peter 1:1–13

**13 I consider it right, as long as I am
in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up
by way of reminder,**

2 Peter 1:1–13

"In your faith,
supply moral excellence"

"Moral Excellence" is not a
work of the flesh:
it is the "work" of faith.

We were not set free
from sin just to become
slaves to a new master,
but to be freeborn citizens
of Heaven and sons of
God.

It takes faith to believe
that God working on the
inside can make us holy
without our striving
against sin.

22 But the *fruit* of the Spirit is
love...

Galatians 5:22

22 let us *draw near* with a sincere heart *in full assurance of faith*, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22–23

23 Let us hold fast the confession
of our hope without wavering, *for*
He who promised is faithful;

Hebrews 10:22–23

35 Therefore, *do not throw away your confidence*, which has a great reward.

Hebrews 10:35–36

We know that we walk by
faith when we run toward
God instead of away
from Him when our faith
is tested.

Once we realize that the entire work of holiness in us can only be done by partnership with the Spirit of God, then we are walking in faith.

1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, *let us press on to maturity,*

Hebrews 6:1

not laying again a foundation of
repentance from dead works
and of *faith toward God...*

Hebrews 6:1

God more concerned
with the direction in
which we are facing
than "How far along
we are."

6 *For I am* confident of this very thing, that ***He who began*** a good work in you ***will perfect it*** until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or ***by hearing with faith?***

Galatians 3:2–3

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Galatians 3:2–3

Tips for growing faith:

1. Obedience in the small things builds faith for the bigger things.

Tips for growing faith:

2. Start by doing what God has already clearly said — be a do-er of the Word.

17 So *faith comes from hearing,*
and hearing *by the word of*
Christ.

Romans 10:17

Tips for growing faith:

3. **Feed your spirit.** Your Spirit wants to walk by faith. It can only win its war against your flesh if you feed it more.

20 "I have been crucified with Christ;
and 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
[of] the Son of God*, who loved me
and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20