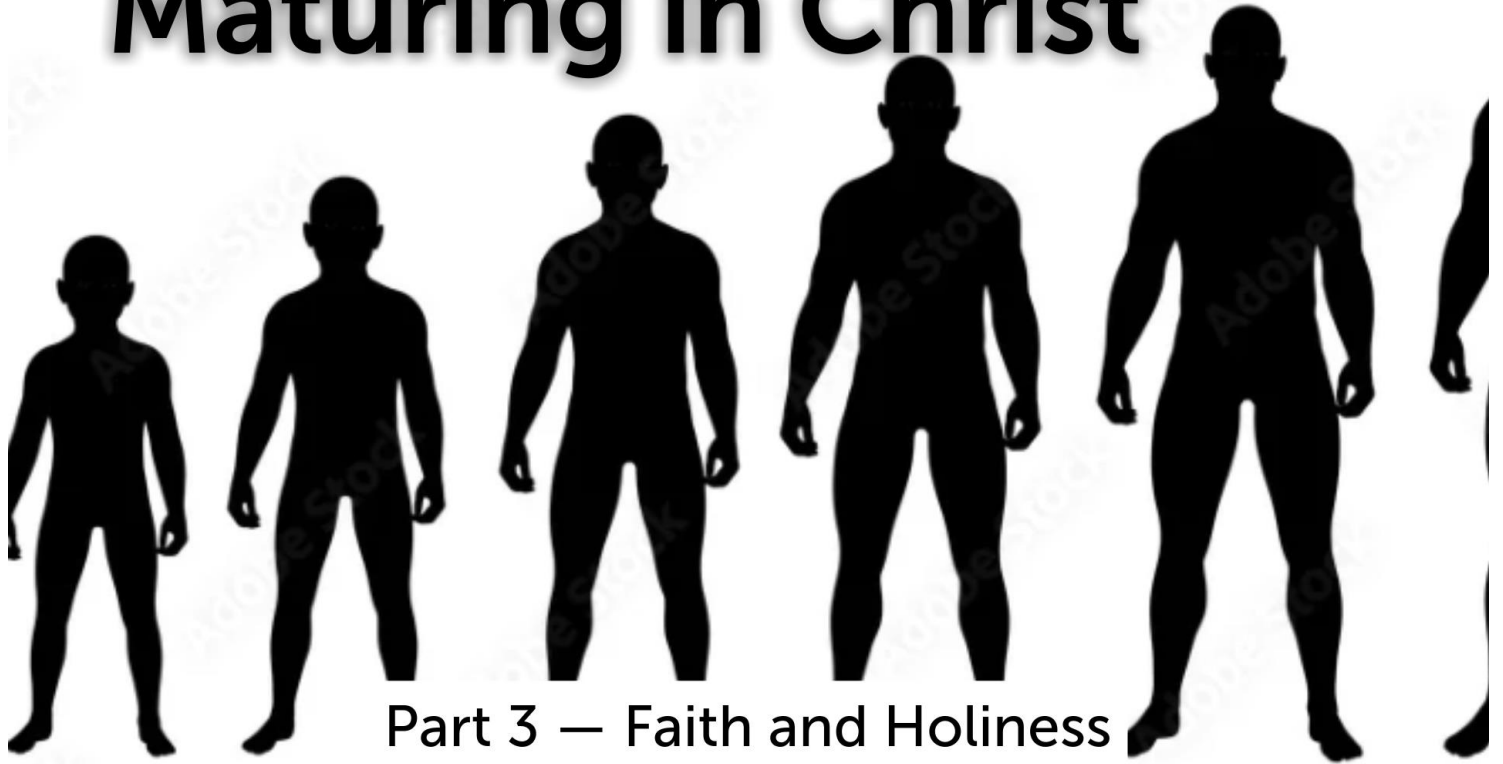


Maturing in Christ



Part 3 — Faith and Holiness

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

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

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

1 Peter 1:14–16

15 but *like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;*

1 Peter 1:14–16

16 because it is written, "**YOU
SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM
HOLY.**"

1 Peter 1:14–16

No Human has ever
achieved holiness
through striving.

Holiness comes
through a stripping
away of all that is **not**
in our nature.

19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

Romans 7:19–21

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but *sin which dwells in me.*

Romans 7:19–21

21 I find then the principle that
evil is present in me, the one
who wants to do good.

Romans 7:19–21

When we treat sin
more like a **disease**
than an **identity**, we
disempower it from
controlling our lives.

3 ***Trust in the LORD and do good***; Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness.

Psalm 37:3–5

4 *Delight yourself in the LORD;*
And *He will give you* *the desires*
of your heart.

Psalm 37:3–5

5 **Commit your way to the**
LORD, Trust also in Him, and He
will do it.

Psalm 37:3–5

We grow in Holiness
when we look at, and
delight in the Lord
than focusing only on
where we fall short.

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "***If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;***

John 8:31–32

32 and you will know the truth,
and the truth will make you
free."

John 8:31–32

13 for *it is God who is at work in you*, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

It is only when we walk
by faith in the Word
of God (written and
Living), that we come
to know the truth.