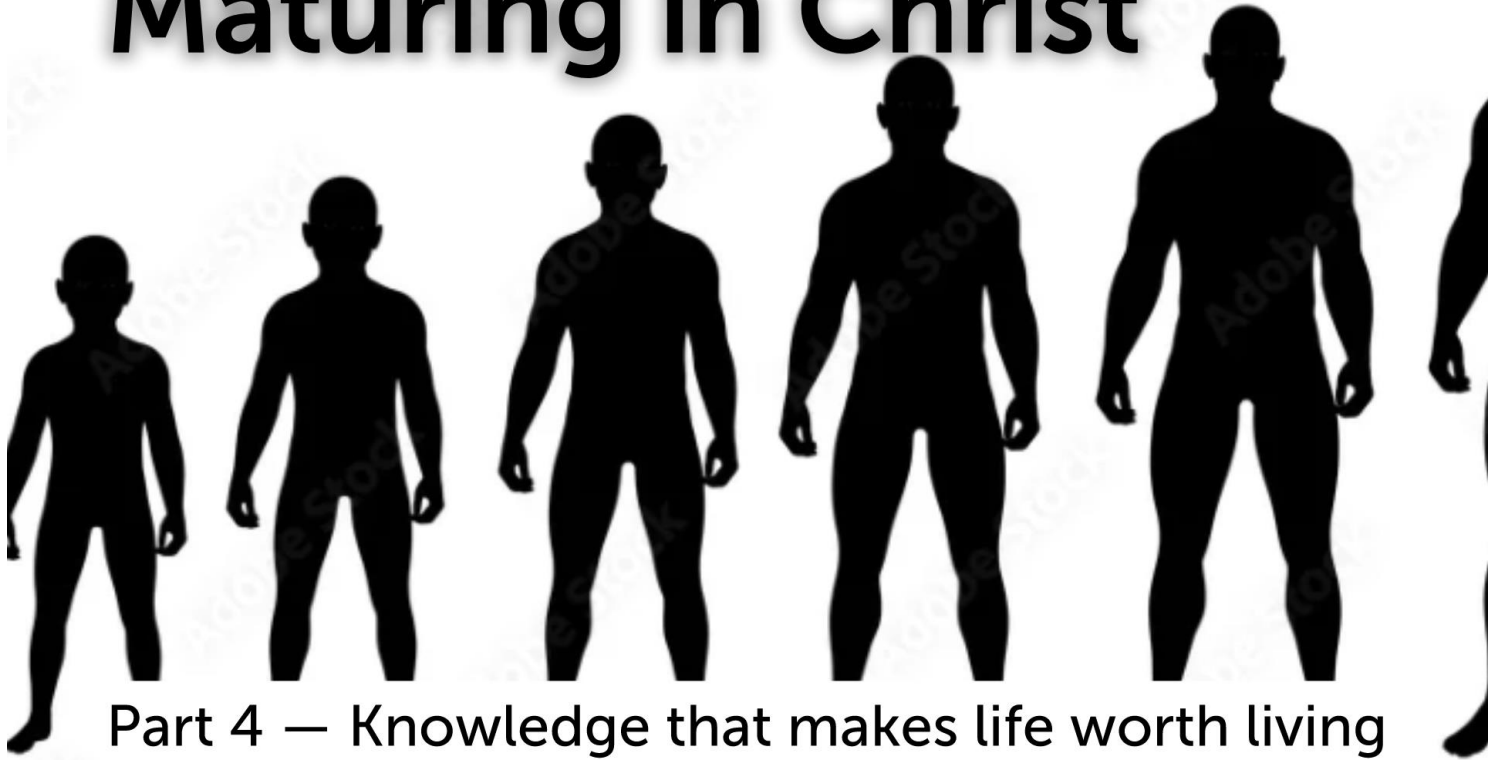


Maturing in Christ



Part 4 — Knowledge that makes life worth living

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 1:3–8

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 1:3–8

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

2 Peter 1:3–8

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

2 Peter 1:3–8

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

2 Peter 1:3–8

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 1:3–8

We do not really know
or understand life
until we have walked
with God.

There is a difference
between knowing God
and knowing about
God.

19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and *men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.*

John 3:19–21

7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

Jesus knew the
Father well because He
always did what He
saw the Father doing.

Life still comes down
to a choice between
the two trees.

10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

Proverbs 9:10

All knowledge is placed
within the "box" of
our worldview, and
how we process life
experiences.

Wisdom is taking what
we know and applying
it to how we live our
lives.

If we are not involved
in a living, dynamic,
obedient walk with
God, our "knowledge"
leads to foolishness.

2 And *do not be conformed to this world*, but be *transformed by the renewing of your mind*, so that you may *prove what the will of God is*, that which is ***good*** and ***acceptable*** and ***perfect***.

Romans 12:2

We "prove" the will of
God to be true by
living our lives in
unbroken communion
with Him.

Being conformed to
the world sets us on
a path filled with
slippery slopes.

We are transformed
when we learn how to
think with the mind
of Christ.

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