

Maturing in Christ



Part 7 — More godly every day

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

2 Peter 1:5–8

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

2 Peter 1:5–8

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

2 Peter 1:5–8

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 1:5–8

We are now the
dwelling place of God,
the living and breathing
body of Christ, the
Holy Ones of Heaven.

Wherever God lives is
always holy, clean,
righteous and pure.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man *in Our image*, according to *Our likeness*; and let them rule...

Genesis 1:26

Godliness is the natural condition for a human. It is how we were created.

We never lost the
image of God, but we
were not very much
like Him for quite
some time.

3 *You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

John 15:3

Being clean refers to
a state of being.

Not a present,
momentary "reality."

If God calls something
clean, then it is clean.

15 Again a voice *came* to him a second time, "***What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.***"

Acts 10:15

Godliness is the activity
of the Spirit that trains
our outward life to
conform to the reality
of our inward one.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Romans 8:28–29

29 For those whom He foreknew,
He also predestined to become
conformed to the image of His
Son, so that He would be the
firstborn among many brethren;

Romans 8:28–29

19 My children, with whom I am
again in labor *until Christ is*
formed in you...

Galatians 4:19

How to partner with the Spirit

1. FEED YOUR SPIRIT

(by Communion with
God's Spirit)

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2. Live with your Spirit
in the FRONT seat.

(Prioritize it over your
flesh)

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3. Stay Tuned!
(Live with your
spiritual antennas on)

16 Rejoice *always*;

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

17 pray *without ceasing*;

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

18 *in everything* give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

How to partner with the Spirit

4. Believe what GOD says about you when your behavior doesn't line up.

How to partner with the Spirit

5. Take Ownership
Own every ungodly
response to life
without blame shifting