



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Title: Are You Growing?

“And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. 40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.” (Luke 2:39-40)

INTRODUCTION

Definition: “*increased*”—to beat forward, to lengthen out by hammering, to promote, forward, further, to go forward, advance, proceed, make progress

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” (Isaiah 53:1-3)

1. He Grew In _____

A. The _____ of Christ

Definition: “*stature*”—age, time of life; term or length of life - metaph. of an attained state fit for a thing

B. The _____ of Christ

“And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49)

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.” (Luke 1:80)

2. He Grew In _____

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;”
(Colossians 2:2)

Definition: “wisdom”—broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.” (Luke 2:52)

A. Wisdom toward _____

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.”
(1 Corinthians 3:19–20)

B. Wisdom toward _____

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”
(Colossians 4:5)

3. He Grew In _____

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” (2 Peter 3:18)

A. Favor with _____

“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;”
(Philippians 3:10)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

B. Favor with _____

“And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:46)

CONCLUSION

