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Grow Up

Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16

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What's up?

An extremely annoying question that has [unfortunately] replaced “Hello” or “Hi” as the most popular form of casual greeting. For full effect, it is best delivered while walking past someone at about 90 m.p.h. so the person you’re talking to has no time to respond, and in a tone that suggests you really don’t care about “what’s up” with them.

—Urban Dictionary

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Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16

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To Grow Up means _____

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Live Well

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

“Sanctification is the evidential work of God’s grace in my life and in yours.”

Christ is Everything

Ephesians 1:15-23

“My life is not significant because of my personal achievements or experiences, but because of my place in God’s eternal plan.”

The Pursuit of Spiritual Maturity

1 John 2:3-6

“There is something wrong with a profession of faith in Christ that lacks spiritual progression with Christ.”

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“It is not difficult in such a world to get a person interested in the message of the gospel; it is terrifically difficult to sustain the interest. Millions of people in our culture make decisions for Christ, but there is a dreadful attrition rate. Many claim to have been born again but the evidence for mature Christian discipleship is slim. In our kind of culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly; but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.”

—Eugene Petersen

“Spiritual growth into Christ-likeness is the ultimate goal of biblical Christianity.”

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“...a long obedience in the same direction.” —Eugene Petersen

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Ephesians 4:12, 16

To *Grow Up* means _____

Ephesians 4:16

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“God’s children do different things. Some run away from it and pretend that the family does not exist. Some move out and get an apartment on their own from which they make occasional visits, nearly always showing up for the parties and bringing a gift to show that they really do hold others in fond regard. And some would never dream of leaving but cause others to dream for them, for they are always

criticizing what is served at meals, quarreling with the way the housekeeping is done and complaining that others in the family are either ignoring them or taking advantage of them. And some determine to find out what God has in mind by placing them in this communicate called a church, learn how to function in it harmoniously and joyously, and develop the maturity that is able to share and exchange God's grace with those who might otherwise be viewed as nuisances." —Eugene Petersen

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We Believe **Ephesians 4:4-6**

We Belong **Ephesians 4:12**

We Become **Ephesians 4:13**

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"The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation. He needs a brother solely because of Jesus Christ. The Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

To Grow Up means... _____

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Ephesians 4:17-18

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