

# Growing In Behaving

Healthy for Life #3 - Pastor Gary Combs – January 27, 2013 – Philippians 2:12-18

Series theme verse: Luke 2:52 (NIV84) And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Today's text: Philippians 2:12-18 (ESV) <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## HOW TO GROW MORE LIKE JESUS IN OUR BEHAVIOR

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of Christlikeness.

Philippians 3:10-14 (NIV84) I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him ... Not that I have already obtained all this, ... but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ for Christlikeness.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord **works within us**, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

John 15:5 (NKJV) I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 5:17 (NIV84) Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

**Three tools God uses:**

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ for Christlikeness.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT) As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV84) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.