

Sunday, May 25, 2025



Becoming A Healthy Church
Biblical Theology
Luke 24:44-49

Jesus is the Interpretive Framework for All of Scripture:

1. The _____:
Genesis 3:15, 12:1-3; Exodus 12:5-13, 24:3-8; Leviticus 19:1

2. The _____:
Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 53:1-6; Ezekiel 36:24-29; Daniel 7:13-14

3. The _____:
Job 19:23-27; Psalm 110:1-4; 2 Samuel 7:16

4. The _____:
Matthew 1:18-25; Mark 10:45; Luke 23:44-49; John 20:1-10

5. The _____:
Acts 1:6-9, 2:32-38, 8:1-5, 28:23-31

6. The _____:
Romans 1:1-7; Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 2:1-2

7. The _____:
Revelation 1:1-9, 5:1-10, 22:1-5

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Study Guide

For the week of May 25, 2025

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Have you ever been in a church where it seemed unusual for someone to be a growing Christian?

Read **Jeremiah 31:31-34**. List the ways this new covenant differs from the old one.

Read **Luke 22:20**. The church is the people of the new covenant. We are united to Christ by faith, we have our sins forgiven, we know the Lord, and we have God's law written on our hearts so that we can obey it by the power of God's Spirit. Given the realities of the new covenant, what's wrong with saying that someone can be a Christian and never grow spiritually?

Does this mean that every day of our Christian lives will be marked by dramatic and bold growth? Explain.

Read **1 Peter 2:5** and **Ephesians 4:16**.

In these two passages, what expectation do Peter and Paul place on every member?

Do you notice anything else about the nature of this growth?

Does it occur in isolation from other Christians?

Read **1 Thessalonians 1:2-10**. How did the Thessalonians respond when Paul preached the gospel to them?

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Can you summarize the difference between a genuine Christian who hears the message of the gospel and the nominal Christian who hears it? (A nominal Christian is one who is a Christian in name only.)

To whose power does Paul attribute their response to the gospel?

Why does this leave no room for boasting?

Paul observes that the Thessalonians received the gospel “in much affliction.” How does this testify to the genuineness of their faith?

What does the Thessalonians’ faith in Christ prompt them to do?

How should the expectation that members are growing shape:

- The purpose of small group meetings?
- What you do on Saturday nights in preparation for Sunday?
- How the church’s elders or other leaders shepherd the church?
- Conversations after church?
- What the church’s life looks like throughout the week? How do these lessons about corporate growth together translate into the rest of the week?

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What are some ways you can encourage spiritual growth in church members who are:

- Struggling financially?
- Busy and under pressure at work?
- Overwhelmed at home with their children?
- Physically ill?
- Dealing with the death of a loved one, such as a spouse or a child?
- Gifted in their knowledge of and ability to teach the Bible?

What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study?

How can we pray with you about those needs?

Consider memorizing

Ephesians 2:19-22.

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