

# Christ, Culture, & The Cross

*Growing Up*

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

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## **Week 2- How Do You Measure Maturity?**

They have not followed the way of Jesus and his cross—they have followed the way of the culture. As a result, they think of themselves as incredibly wise, but the reality is that, spiritually they're still in diapers.

The best way to measure our maturity is by our transformation . . . What does maturity look like? It looks like the cross. (Michael Yearley)

## **Pursuing "Solid Food"**

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. . . .

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16-17,22-25)

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### *Pursuing True Maturity*

1) Growing Up \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_.

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. (1 Corinthians 2:13)

2) Growing Up Is \_\_\_\_\_ In A \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. . . . And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:12 & 17)

3) Growing Up \_\_\_\_\_.

Asmin introduced my wife as her American neighbor and friend, and as a Christian. However, she quickly gave one important caveat: "Not the kind of Christian you think." . . . We were Christians, yes; but we were actually people of good character. We were neighbors they could trust.

(Elliot Clark, *Evangelism As Exiles*)