

## Toward Spiritual Maturity

### Ephesians 4:1-16

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#### Introduction

- Church identity and vision in the Gospel
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- Spiritual maturation
- Spiritual theology / sanctification
- Various views on this subject

Stages toward spiritual maturity analogous to stages in physical / human development:

1. Birth \_\_\_\_\_
2. Infancy \_\_\_\_\_
3. Childhood \_\_\_\_\_
4. Adolescence \_\_\_\_\_
5. Young Adult \_\_\_\_\_
6. Adult \_\_\_\_\_
7. Maturing Adult \_\_\_\_\_
8. Senior Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Becoming spiritually mature means getting to the place where you know who you are in Christ and what He has called you to be and do. It is being confident in your faith, being knowledgeable about what it is, and how to share it with others.

Where are you in your own spiritual development? Can you see that God is moving you toward spiritual maturity? What about PTC? Is this a way to measure and think of the development of maturity in the church?

## Discussion Questions based on Ephesians 4:1-16

1. As you begin today, in just a few words (three), how might you sum up the vision or mission of your own life?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-16. How might this passage help to inform your own personal vision or the vision of PTC? What words stand out to you? Speculate on a good three-word summary for the vision or mission of the PTC. (Feel free to share this with existing PTC leaders.)
3. According to this Bible passage, what are the signs of spiritual maturity? Based on the passage, how would you evaluate the maturity level of PTC?
4. If spiritual maturity is all about the application of the Gospel in one's daily life, how would you best describe how this has happened or is happening in your life?
5. What do you think of the idea of growth in spiritual maturity being an analogous illustration of a person's physical development? In what way might this give a better understanding of various ways of understanding the nature of spiritual development?
6. What stage best describes your own understanding of Christian spirituality? Or how would you describe what it means to live as a sanctified Christian?

Pray for one another according to needs expressed, and to become mature in Christ. Pray for PTC to desire to grow in its understanding and experience of spiritual maturity.