

CORNERSTONE

Christian Church

LOVING GRACE

— **Growing
Reaching
Authentic
Community / Creative
Empowering /
Equipping**

Growing



For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 NIV

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same

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**Personal
responsibility**

**Corporate
responsibility**



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Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.

Ephesians

4:15-16 (NIV)

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We need one another

“Relationship with others is part of the created order. Independence from relationship is independence from God himself, for he is present in his Body.”

“Biblical growth is designed to include other people as God’s instruments. To be truly biblical as well as truly effective, the growth process must include the Body of Christ. Without the Body, the process is neither totally biblical nor orthodox.”

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For this reason,
make every effort to add
to your faith goodness,
and to goodness
knowledge,
and to knowledge self-
control.

and to self-control
perseverance,
and to perseverance
godliness,
and to godliness mutual

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For if you possess these qualities in increasing measures, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But whoever does not have them is near sighted and (spiritually) blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

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So, I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have.

I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body...

2 Peter

1:12-13 (NIV)

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Celebration of Discipline

Richard Foster

reading

Recommended

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Entomology of
“Disciple and Discipline”

Latin **Discipulos** -
meaning student or
learner

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Spiritual Disciplines

Prayer

Scripture

Sabbath

Fasting

Silence & Solitude

Simplicity

Community

Hospitality

Generosity

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Spiritual Disciplines

as

“Trellis,”

Ancient and modern
technique for supporting
plant growth

Rhythms of personal and
communal living that help
to support our spiritual
growth

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Spiritual Disciplines

Formation requires
repetition



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John 15:1-17



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**Our growth is intended
to reflect
a lived reality of God's
presence in our lives**

