

Introduction

Hundreds of years earlier, Isaiah said, A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God (Isaiah 40:3). Hundreds of years later, John the Baptist said, “I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord (John 1:23). What he said, confirms that he is indeed chosen by God to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. As John the Baptist does his ministry, large crowd following him. Nevertheless, as His popularity continues to rise, he made this declaration: “He must become greater; I must become less” (John 3:30). This is a confession of humility, a confession that is made possible only through a deep and thorough knowledge of Jesus Christ which John the Baptist possessed.

The greatest challenge to every person who claims to be a Christian is to grow in the knowledge of Christ. To grow of Christ is to grow in his character, to be more like Him in his attitude and disposition, in His resolve, especially in His humility. This book in “Growing in Christ” is the second book in the growth series. The lessons here are designed to increase and nurture our knowledge of Jesus Christ until we can say with deep conviction what the Apostle Paul declared in the following Scriptures.

Philippians 3:7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing **greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ. ¹⁰ **I want to know Christ** and the sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

The completion of this work is done not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God. To God be the Glory Great things He has done.

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