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## **MATURITY—The Goal of Discipleship**

### **Learning Objectives:**

#### **1. Understanding Spiritual Maturity as God's Will**

- Learning that God's intention for the Church is to equip all believers, not just a select few. The foundational Scripture was laid by Paul in Ephesians 4:11–16. Understanding the role of spiritual offices (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers).
- Learning that spiritual maturity is essential for reaching the fullness of Christ (see Ephesians 4:13). The ultimate goal is for the entire Church to foster discipleship that leads to spiritual growth.

#### **2. The Process of Spiritual Growth and Maturity**

- Gaining a deeper understanding of the ongoing process of transformation into Christ's likeness.
- Learning about the stages of spiritual formation and providing the necessary tools for this process.

#### **3. Purpose of Salvation Beyond Heaven**

- Understanding that salvation is not merely a ticket to heaven, it is about reflecting Christ's image on earth (see 2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 4:19). Understanding Paul's vision of spiritual formation expressed through his letters.
- Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in shaping believers' inner character so they can truly reflect Christ's image in their Christian walk.

#### **4. Categories of Spiritual Maturity**

- Understanding that spiritual maturity is not a quick process. Believers go through stages: from being children in faith, to adolescents, and finally to mature men or spiritual parents in faith.
- Gaining a more profound understanding that spiritual growth is a choice. Without actively choosing to grow, they risk remaining spiritually immature.