

The Christian's Movement

A wooden cross is positioned on the right side of the image, extending from the bottom towards the top. The background is a dramatic sky with golden and white clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall tone is inspirational and religious.

***It occurred to me that everything
that describes a true Christian
involves some sort of movement.***

Introduction

- While working on a lesson about moving on toward perfection (in the New Testament sense of the word), it struck me just how much we need to move and be active.
- Even if you are on the right path or track, you will get run over if you do not keep moving.
- The Bible gives us the direction of this movement.

THE

NEW TESTAMENT

OF

AND SAVIOUR

JESUS CHRIST,

THE ORIGINAL GREEK: AND WITH THE FORMER
TRANSLATED INTELLIGENTLY COMPARED AND REVISED, BY HIS
MAJESTY'S SPECIAL COMMAND.

Appointed to be read in Churches.

Go

- The word implies movement.
- As opposed to standing still.
- Jesus commanded His disciples to go:
- Preach the gospel Mark 16:15-16
- Make disciples Matthew 28:18
- The early church took this charge seriously:
Acts 8:4
- If we want to go to heaven, we should also.

Pressing

- Press indicates that it is not an easy journey.
- Effort needs to be involved.
- We are to press:
 - Onward
 - Forward
 - Upward
- Philippians 3:12-14





Abounding

- *Abound still more*
- *1 Thessalonians 3:12*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:1*
- *2 Peter 1:8*
- *1 Corinthians 15:58*





Putting On

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- The armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18
 - Indicates you know what you are doing, and have the necessary training to use the equipment properly.
 - Indicates spiritual maturity
 - Put it on because we are fighting a spiritual warfare.

- You plant seeds, what do you want?
- What do you expect.
- Growth.
- You expect the plant to grow and mature, and eventually produce its fruit.
- Either something you can eat or something you can see.

Growth



Growth

- Frustrating to see a plant grow, then not produce the desired results.
- Plum trees grew from little twigs.
- Grew rapidly
- Produced lots of blossoms after just a few years.
- Never produced a single plum.
- So glad when tropical storm blew them over.


Growth

- *God expects us to grow to maturity.*
- *God plants the seed everywhere hoping some will fall on good soil. Matthew 13*
- *The result is production—30, 60, 100 fold.*
- *Growth means bigger, stronger, etc.*
- *2 Peter 3:18*
- *Are you showing results in your Christian growth?*

Perfection

- *New Testament use of the word means maturity, completeness, without need.*
- *This should be our goal.*
- *2 Corinthians 13:9*
- *Hebrews 6:1*
- *2 Corinthians 7:1*
- *Ephesians 4:12*

Stand Fast

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- A person stands on a beach at sunset, looking out at the ocean. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, and the water is calm. The person is silhouetted against the bright horizon.
- *Applied to our faith—not our work.*
 - *1 Corinthians 15:58*
 - *Notice to stand fast, immovable--- but then notice---always abounding.*
 - *Yes, our faith needs to be established upon a solid rock or foundation.*
 - *But in order to stand fast, we need to move.*

Conclusion



- *Are you moving in the right direction?*
- *Are you growing spiritually?*
- *Others can encourage you, but it is up to you if you grow and mature.*
- *Development is necessary to achieve salvation.*
- *Are you growing and improving?*