

Moving into maturity

¹⁷But if, while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found to be

sinner, does that make Christ a minister of sin? Certainly not!

¹⁸If I rebuild what I have already torn down, I prove myself to be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹For through the law

I died to the law so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ²¹

do not set aside the grace of God. For if righteousness comes through the law, Christ died for nothing.

Galatians 2:17-21

Maturity requires 17-18

There was in my past, 17
God proves His love for us... Romans 5:8

I have moved my past, 17
If we confess our sins... 1 John 1:9
Go and sin no more. John 8:11
God gives grace... to the humble. James 4:6

Maturity requires 19

I let go of my 19
You must count yourselves... Romans 6:11

I live for my 19
...bear fruit to God. Romans 7:4

Maturity requires 20

I am dying with the of Christ, 20
...have crucified the flesh, Galatians 5:24

I am dying in the of Christ, 20
Do all for the glory of God, 1 Corinthians 10:31

Maturity requires 20-21

I step out in 20

I step out in 21

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 16 Joan J. Lyn K. Go Deeper after church
- M 17 Elsie & Bert
- T 18 Karen & Hung
- W 19 Our internet viewers, Go Deeper
- T 20 Vi-Lay L.
- F 21 Alison & Richard
- S 22 Mary P
- S 23 Peter & Elly

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. What are some characteristics that you expect from a person who is mature?
2. Why do you think it is important to admit we are sinners (v17) in order to move to maturity? Why are no specific sins named?
3. Young people often want to “find themselves”. This text says the mature person lives to God (v19b) and dies to self (v20a). Suggest some possible outcomes from these two directions.
4. What are some things that hold people back so they can’t move forward with their lives? How does v20 help to solve that problem?
5. In what ways does faith in God (v20) help me make smart choices?
6. How does the grace of God (v21) help to make me more mature?

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