



BECOMING

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.

John 1:12 (NRS)

Exousia: power, authority, jurisdiction, right

1. Christ's resurrection was an act of explosive power that blew the prison doors of sin and death away.

2. Christ's resurrection removed all restrictions and hindrances to the Kingdom opportunities made available to every child of God.

“Being a child of God is the greatest privilege in life, and becoming more like Christ is the greatest challenge for any believer.”

Warren Wiesbe, “Being A Child of God”

Become: to be born, to mature, to be assembled, to be fulfilled

“In the modern Western world, ‘religion’ tends to mean God-related individual beliefs and practices that are supposedly separable from culture, politics, and community life. For Paul, ‘religion’ was woven in with all of life; for the modern Western world, it is separated from it.”

N.T. Wright, “Paul”

Becoming
Grows in God

¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV)

Growth is the season of “milk” and establishing healthy, spiritual development.

Our Spiritual Growth Takes Place Through:

- 1. Nutrition**
- 2. Exercise**
- 3. Cleansing**

“You need to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.”

Irish Proverb

¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

“Some people go from one childhood to another.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Becoming Matures in God

Maturing in God Means You're Strong Enough to:

- 1. Care**
- 2. Set an Example**
- 3. Lead the Way for Others**

“In the Christian life, as in nature, there are two stages, the one of infancy or childhood, the other of manhood. In nature the growth out of the one into the other comes spontaneously. In grace this is not so. It is possible for a Christian to remain in a sickly infancy all his life, always needing help, instead of being a help.”

Andrew Murray, “The Holiest of All”