The Apostolic church – Ghana

Apostolic Heritage Worship Center

AHWC District

Adiebeba Area

Topic:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Text:

Luke 1:80, Luke 2:40

INTRODUCTION

1. Spiritual growth is a process of becoming more and more like Jesus and conforming to the image of Christ.
2. Growth is a state of being Perfect, or state of Maturing.

Why the need for Spiritual Growth

1. Man is both Body and Spirit. Genesis 2:7 “Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living creature.”
2. The anatomy of man is man is made of two (2) important elements
   1. The Body
   2. The Spirit

The question is: if we have the spirit of God in us, why do we need Spiritual growth?

“Scripture says, everything God has done is good” Genesis 1:31.

There are two (2) reasons

1. It is as a result of the fall of man. All have sin and have come short of the glory of God. (Romans 2:23) The glory of God has left man.
2. The image of God was distorted. That is the *Imago Dei* is totally destroyed.

The ***Imago Dei*** denotes the symbolical relation between God and Humanity.

What do we need now: SALVATION

When the transformation of salvation takes place, Spiritual growth begins.

* The list of the ‘acts’ of the ‘flesh’ must be identified and do away with. (Galatians 5:19-21)
* The list of the fruit of the Spirit must be sought for. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Watch these things in Christian life

1. Presumption Assurance of salvation. (1 Corinthians 10:1-5)
2. Misplaced Assurance of salvation. (Luke 18:10-14)

Conclusion:

We have been discussing the topic Spiritual Growth, by God’s sufficient grace we have been able to do an in-depth investigation to unravel the meaning of Spiritual and Growth.

We have also learnt that Spiritual growth is a process of becoming like Jesus and also conforming to his image, we also find out why spiritual growth, we understood man is both Spiritual and physical body. That the Anatomy of the Human body is made up of two (2) elements:

1. The Body
2. The Spirit

We also understood why the question, if we have the spirit of God, why then we need Spiritual growth, whiles God’s creation is perfect and good.

There are 2 reason.

1. It is as a result of the fall of man, the first Adam.
2. The Imago Dei was totally distorted and therefore what we need now is SALVATION.

We also understood that when the transformation of salvation takes place spiritual growth begins.

Reference was made to the list of the acts in Galatians 5:19-21 and the list of fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

Finally, we are encouraged to watch these things in our Christian life journey.

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