

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Let's Pray"

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James 5:13-18

Spiritual life

The prerequisite for physical growth is physical life, and the prerequisite for spiritual growth is spiritual life. there is no exception to this rule.

Every person born into this world is born spiritually dead (Romans 5:12).

Spiritually dead people are unable to do anything that is acceptable to God.

Spiritually dead people will never truly feel complete (Colossians 1:16).

What we could not do, God has done for us through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Jesus opened a door to heaven for anyone who is willing to transfer their trust from themselves and their good works to Him alone for their salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Spiritual growth

When we are born we are born spiritual infants and not spiritually mature adults. Therefore we are in need of nourishment which comes from God's Word (1 Peter 2:1-2).

If we do not put off sin and yield ourselves to the Lord we are going to be spiritually sick. We will have no appetite for the Scriptures (1 Peter 2:1-2).

Assuming that you are free of unconfessed sin your growth in respect to salvation will be directly proportional to the amount of nourishment you are able to draw from the Word.