

The Growth and Maturity of The Saints

Part 1!

KJV Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

The word **grew** here is the Greek word *auxano* and means “to augment”

Augmentation is the act of increasing in order to make greater!

God kept added to Jesus, so Jesus kept growing in wisdom until He was strong in spirit and had a great reputation!

Weights are added to the workout time after time (which is augmentation) to make us stronger!

- When Jesus was born a decree went out to kill Him!
- When He was baptized He was sent into the wilderness where the devil tried to kill Him.
- When Jesus started His ministry (Luke 4:29) people wanted to throw Him off a cliff, but He walked through the crowd **knowing** it wasn't His time.

The entire time Jesus on earth Satan and evil men plotted to kill Him but everything they tried only added to Jesus reputation!

I came to tell somebody **ALL THE HELL** you went through over the last few years was **AUGMENTATION** it's only added to you!

You thought the devil was trying to destroy you, your family, your business, and your ministry—but in reality it was designed to strengthen you.

If we don't understand our trials we'll think either God has forsaken us or the devil has more power than he actually does in our lives.

This is why we **renew** our minds **daily!**

KJV 1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

The scripture says we **can bear it!** We can **handle it!**

Whatever test, trial or hardship that comes—we can endure it!

It may have shocked you when it happened but it didn't shock God—He already made a way of escape for you!

❖ **I want you to get a victory mentality for 2018 NOW in January!**

Whatever comes against me, my family or my destiny, with it also comes the VICTORY!

KJV Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

There are two primary Greek words for “know” in the NT:

➤ ***Oida*** (O-i-da) and ***Ginosko*** (Gin-o-sko)

Ginosko is knowing through experience, it's ongoing knowledge based on relationship.

This is what knowing God is all about—learning and experiencing Him through His Word!

We can know “*Oida*” a person's name immediately, but it takes a lifetime to “*ginosko*” the person!

Oida means knowing by **perception and discernment, its absolute knowledge**—once something is known it can never be unknown.

Oida the word Paul uses here in **Roman 8:28** it's based on **1 Cor 10:13**.

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Now that we've learn no test, trail or hardship can overtake us because with the test God gave us the answer—we know it's going to work out for our good!

We know “*Oida*” **perceive and discern** what the tests, trials and hardships are all about!

❖ Now when tests, trails and hardships comes I don't just see the struggle I see the VICTORY as well!

I want you to get this is your heart and never forget it so you maintain every victory God gives you!

Whatever comes in 2018, whatever happens from this moment on that is unfavorable just know:

- 1. You can handle it!**
- 2. When it came it also came with The Victory! A way out, over and threw it!**
- 3. When it's over you'll be better than before.**

This is how we maintain our PRAISE and ZEAL of The LORD!

*KJV **Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

Rejoicing is living in a constant state of gladness by remembering all things are working together (not looking at things individually or separately from God's eternal purpose) for our good!

*KJV **Job 23:10** But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*