

To look at the spiritual growth of the church, we must have a heightened sense of concern for people who have not yet found Christ. If we do this it will motivate us to take advantage of all that our church offers.

It will help us grow in spirit, strength, and stamina. Certainly, it will help us to make changes in our churches in areas that may have become outdated, inefficient, or even counterproductive.

The task of the church is too important to let it run on less than 100% attention to the development of the Lord's plan, to bring the Lord's glory to all people.

If not, we could be described as attempting to drive a car with only three of the four cylinders working, we must increase our motivation to grow in fellowship and love and reach out to the community and those in need.

There is more to this need than the very survival of our church. The survival and growth of any church will always depend on following the Holy Spirit. Actively working to reach irreligious people and help them to find our saviour and becoming fully devoted followers of Christ.

The strength of the church will always be found in accepting the leadership of the comforter and peacemaker (the Holy Spirit). Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide us after he departed from this earth. Christ also said that the Holy Spirit will continue to teach us ways of our Heavenly Father and how he would want us to live.

It is challenging and essential that we are led by the Holy spirit and accept the infinite knowledge and love of God and his guidance coming directly to all people through the Holy Spirit.

Isn't it incredible how elevating efforts to reach others can also result in personal growth? Here are a few benefits.

Taking part in efforts to extend your faith to others can go a long way to strengthening your confidence in your own beliefs. This is partly, because talking to people about our faith encourages us to be sure that we are speaking accurately about our Christian Faith.

It is like being at University and taking and preparing for the final exam, you exercise your memory and intensify your Bible readings to show how much you know. What is ironic is acting and preparing to show others what we know is often what causes us for the first time to understand it clearly ourselves. When we communicate with people of other faiths or no faith, we can hold our own, in face of those different perspectives and regain a heightened sense of spiritual confidence. If we are successful in bringing one person to Christ, our personal faith is boosted sky high.

We must remember, Christ told us the comforter is here to guide, and teach us. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will teach us more about God's wishes and how we can help to establish his kingdom.

Jesus also confirmed that the spirit will never contradict anything that Jesus our Saviour taught us while he was on earth. How can we fail to recognise this wonderful gift and resource which the Lord has given to each one of us?

v26 *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you. v27* *Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid.*