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Sunday gathering **#689**

Series: "Dear Us,"

Sermon: Grow Up

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Paul's letter to the Ephesians is also a letter to US.

The purpose for the letter is to encourage the followers of Christ to GROW UP and continue to mature in their walk with Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-16 The Message

God wants us to **grow up**, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will **grow up** healthy in God, robust in love.

Eight actions God has already done for us (1:3-14):

- 1- Blessed (1:3), 2- Chosen (1:4), 3- Predestined (1:5)
- 4- Bestowed (1:6), 5- Lavished (1:8), 6- Made known (1:9)
- 7- Included in Christ (1:13), 8- Marked with a seal (1:13)

After we are reminded of who we are in Christ, we quickly find ourselves being prayed for.

Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the **saints**, 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts

enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the **saints**, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Paul's most used title for the followers of Christ was not "Christians" it was:

And it is ALWAYS -----.

In all of our holy pursuits, may we be reminded at the Holy One is already here and has always been pursuing us.

Respond: go deeper.

- . What area(s) of your life do you need more of God's hope?
- . What would you do if you knew God's power was filling you?
- . What have you been overlooking lately in your walk with Christ?
- . Asking again this week, in what ways is God asking you to **GROW UP** during this part of your life?