

Aim: To understand how we grow in Christ. Fundamental 11

Resources: What We Believe for Kids by Jerry D Thomas; What We Believe for Teens by Seth J Pierce; God Loves Me 28 ways – Bible Adventures for Young Readers. All published by Pacific Press Publishing Association.

This term we are looking at what the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes. Today we are doing Fundamental 11 – Growing in Christ.

Let me ask you some true/false questions; some of them might be tricky.

(Verses are given so you can look them up if there are any questions about them)

- Jesus saves us (true – Acts 16:31)
- You won't go to heaven if you eat pig meat. (false – we are saved by Jesus not by what we eat Romans 14:17 – ***Note: By choosing to eat a healthy diet our bodies and our brains will work better, we will feel happier and with our brains working better we will find it easier to study, to pray and to learn more about God.***)
- When a person is baptised, they stop sinning? (false – Romans 7:15-20 Paul said 'I do the things I don't want to')
- God's law is a good thing (True – Ps 1:1, 2)
- I won't be able to stop sinning, so I shouldn't worry about trying (false – Romans 6:15 – we should still try, but most importantly, we should continually ask God to help us because He is the one who changes us.)
- Christians never have problems (False – John 16:33)
- Meeting together with other Christians is important (True – Hebrews 10:25)
- Continually worrying about stuff is a sin (True – Philippians 4:6-7, Proverbs 12:25)
- We should tell God thankyou when bad things happen (True – 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- The Holy Spirit can change me (True – Gal 5:22)
- When I think about Jesus rather than the people around me I become more like Jesus (True – 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Jesus loved to do things for people so I should look for things I can do to help others (True – Matthew 20:26-28)

Conclusion:

(Look up the following verses if there is time)

The more time we spend with God, studying the Bible, praying, and reading what other people who love God have written, the more we will become like Jesus. **2 Corinthians 3:18** says, we "can see and reflect the glory of the Lord... we are changed into His glorious image."

We need to stop worrying about our problems and ask God to take them. **1 Peter 5:7** says "Give all your worries and cares to God"

Like Jesus did, we should be looking for ways to help others and when we do this we will find that God will take care of our problems.

When we do these things, we become more and more like Jesus. Then we will be like Matthew 5:16 says, like a light that cannot be hidden, people will see the things we do and praise God.