

# Going on to Maturity 10

A study about Christian maturity and what it looks like.

When we started this journey into maturity, we discovered that the biblical picture of maturity is not just about the individual getting closer to Jesus, it is about something which the people of God together advance in likeness of Him. For this reason it is appropriate that we round off this study back where we started, looking at what it means to be the people of God, the Body of Christ, the Church of the Lord Jesus.

## Church

### The world's perspective.

1. Discuss what you see as the world's view of Church.
2. What evidence do you see or hear that confirms this viewpoint.
3. Is there consistency within the "worlds" view or are there a range of opinions?

### The Christian Perspective

1. Discuss what you see as the Christian view of Church.
2. What evidence do you see or hear that confirms this viewpoint.
3. Is there consistency within the Christian view or are there a range of opinions?

### The Issue of Church

1. What is it about Church that makes it important for us as Maturing Christians to discuss it?

### A biblical perspective

Check out the following verses related to Church.

(This is only a small selection and may be supplemented by other scriptures that you are aware of.)

1Corinthians 12:7,12-28; 1 John 1:7; Acts 14:27; Acts 20:28 1 Cor 1:2; 1 Cor 11:17-34; 1 Cor 14:12; Eph 1:22,23; Eph 3:14-21; 2 Cor 6:16-18; Heb 10:19-25.

1. How important is the Church, according to these scriptures?
2. What is the place and role of the Church?
3. What is the place and role of individuals in the Church?
4. What is the nature of the connection between the members of the Church? Do you think that Christians in general appreciate this bond?

### Review

Consider all that you have discovered in these scriptures in the light of the lessons of the previous studies.

1. What is a Mature Christians attitude and practice within the Church?

### Conclusion

Making it personal.

1. In what way must you change so as to fulfill your place in the Church as a Maturing Christian?

Spend time in prayer and encouragement with each other