

How does our sinful nature prevent us from "growing up?"

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3. _____

- *1 Corinthians 3:1-2 (NIV) 1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.*

2. _____

Why does God want us to grow up to solid food?

1. _____

What are some of the blessings we will experience?

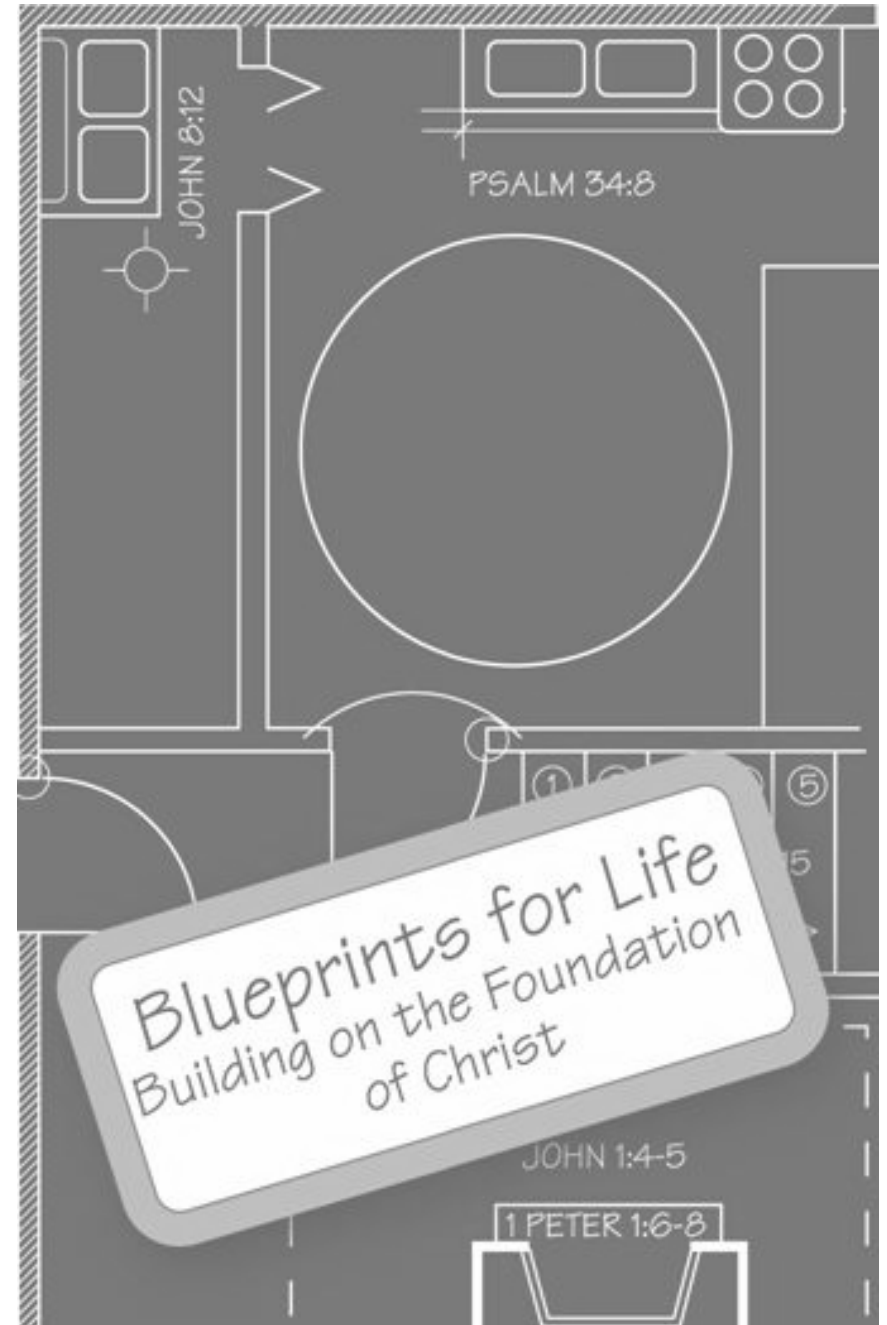
2. _____

What are some of the blessings we will bring to others as we grow up?

Challenge:

1. Spend time reaffirming the glorious truths of the "milk."
2. Move on to the solid food of God's Word!

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**BLUEPRINTS FOR LIFE:
THE KITCHEN**

Good morning! There's nothing like an aromatic smell coming from the kitchen of a favorite desert or mom's magical meal. We love the taste of delicious food and maybe sometimes eat too much. Today God wants the rich aroma of his spiritual kitchen to waft into your heart. God bless us as we "taste and see that he is good!"

Opening Song..... “This Is The Feast Of Victory”
Christian Worship Hymn 265

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

MESSAGE NOTES

JUNE 8, 2008

**“BLUEPRINTS FOR LIFE:
The Kitchen: Get Ready for Solid Food!”**

Why is it weird to have a "diet" of milk when we are older?

What is the purpose of a kitchen?

READ Hebrews 5:11-14

1. _____

What are some of the benefits of milk for infants?

Why does God want us to "crave pure spiritual milk?"

- *1 Peter 2:2-3 (NIV) ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

What are some of the "elementary teachings about Christ"?

- *Hebrews 6:1-3 (NIV) Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ² instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And God permitting, we will do so.*

Welcome to Tree of Life!

The members of Tree of Life extend to you a hearty welcome! We are a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS: www.wels.net).

As congregation of this synod we are striving to be a family where God is glorified and his saving message is shared with all people.

We don't claim to be the only saving church, but we do strive to preserve and pass on the truth as it's found in the Bible. We at Tree of Life believe and teach that...

1. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, with no mistakes and no errors, his unchanging message to all people of all times: **"Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21)**
2. God created people holy and without sin, but by their own choice they disobeyed God and brought sin upon the whole human race: **"Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Romans 5:12)**
3. The final result of sin is not only the end of our earthly life, but eternal death and separation from God in the agony of hell:
"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
4. The main and central message of the Bible is the gospel - the good news that:
"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but has eternal life." (John 3:16)
5. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life in the place of every human being, and Jesus suffered the punishment of hell for the whole human race when he died on the cross: **"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)**
6. God the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens saving faith in Jesus Christ through the message about him in the Bible, in Baptism, and in the Lord's Supper:
"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the words of Christ." (Romans 10:17)
7. Christians do good works, not in order to earn a place in heaven, but out of love and thanks to God who has already given them eternal life as a free gift through Jesus: **"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." (Psalm 119:32)**
8. Christians will want to gather together regularly around the Word of God for the strengthening of their own trust in Jesus and for encouraging each other in the faith: **"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the (final) Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)**
9. Christians want to carry out the Lord's great commission to spread the good news about Jesus to others: **"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)**
10. When the Lord returns in judgment on the last day, he will raise all the dead and give the full glory of everlasting life in heaven to all who trusted in him as Savior:
"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

For the Lamb who was slain
Has begun his reign. Alleluia!

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Service of the Word *Christian Worship page 38*

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSIO N OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise “Oh Taste And See”
Christian Worship page 39

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
it stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Bread of Life, nourish us with your life giving Word. Cause us to hunger and thirst for righteousness that our souls may be fed with the pure nutrition of your truth, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* **AMEN.**

BE SEATED

**FIRST LESSON
EZEKIEL 3:1-11**

*“God gave Ezekiel the sweet taste of his Word,
but warned him those to whom he spoke would hardly listen.”*

1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters. Go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Closing Hymn “The Trumpets Sound. the Angels Sing”
Blue Insert

Verse 1

The Trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.

The gates of heav’n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,
come and revel in heaven’s love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin,

the feast is ready to begin.

Verse 2

Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.

He’ll fill you up with love divine;

He’ll turn your water into wine.

Refrain

Verse 3

The hungry heart he satisfies,

offers the poor his paradise.

Now hear all heav’n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

STAND

Statement of Belief Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

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Offering

STAND

Prayer of the Church

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

4 He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them. 5 You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel- 6 not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. 7 But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for the whole house of Israel is hardened and obstinate. 8 But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. 9 I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house."

10 And he said to me, "Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. 11 Go now to your countrymen in exile and speak to them. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says,' whether they listen or fail to listen."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145 *Christian Worship page 119*

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise, The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
his greatness no one can fathom. to all who call on him in truth.*

*One generation will commend your works to He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
another,* he hears their cry and saves them.*

The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.*
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Refrain

*The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.**

*You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON
JOHN 6:25-40

"The best food we can eat is the Bread of Life, Jesus!"

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
26 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"
29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
30 So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"
31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'
32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
34 "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."
35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

Hymn "O Living Bread From Heaven"
Christian Worship Hymn 314

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.	You gave me all I wanted - This food can death destroy - And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown, And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.
My Lord, you here have led me Within your holiest place And here have kindly fed me With treasures of your grace, For you have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.	Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit To leave this world below, I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

KID'S CHURCH

Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

GET READY FOR SOLID FOOD!

Hebrews 5:11-14