

The Key to the Church's Growth

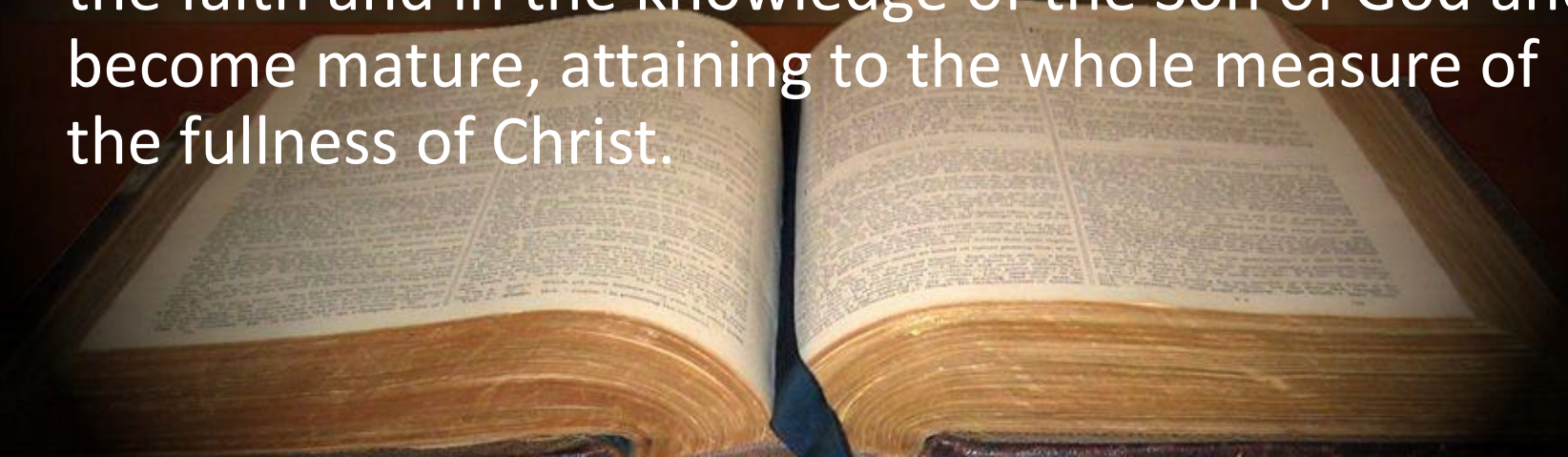
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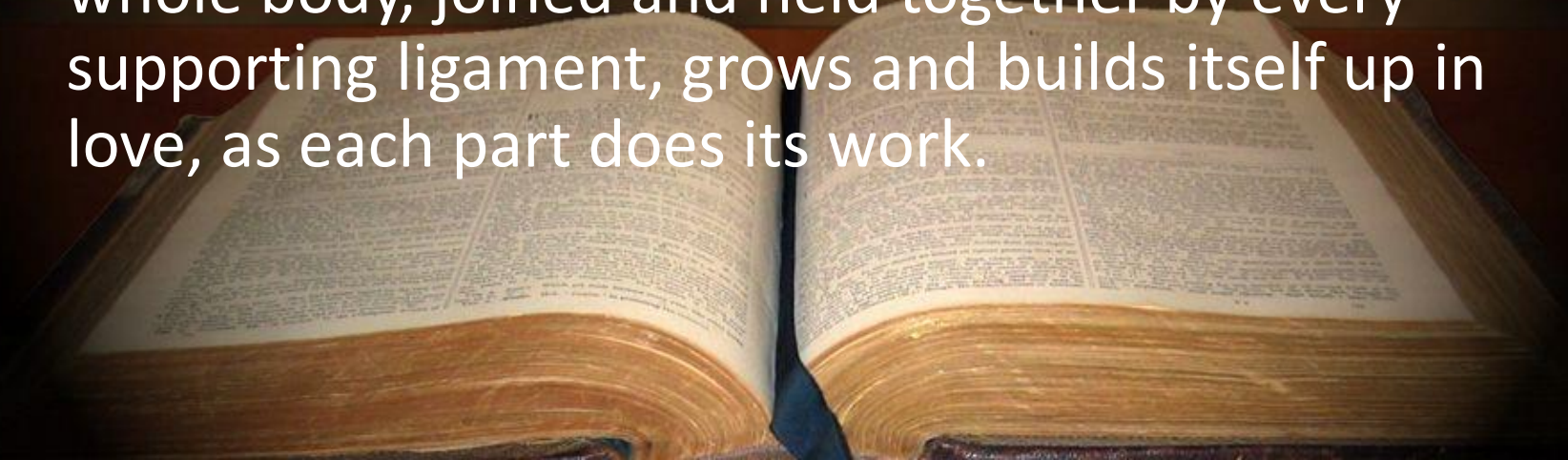
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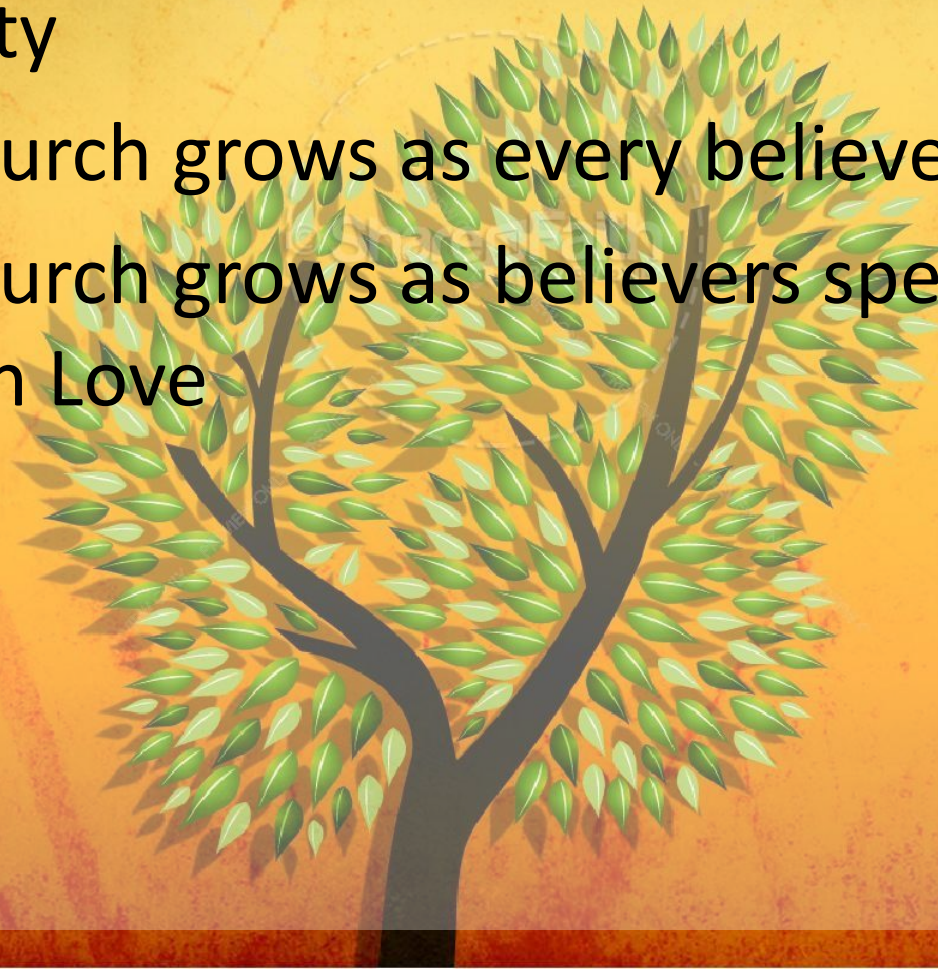
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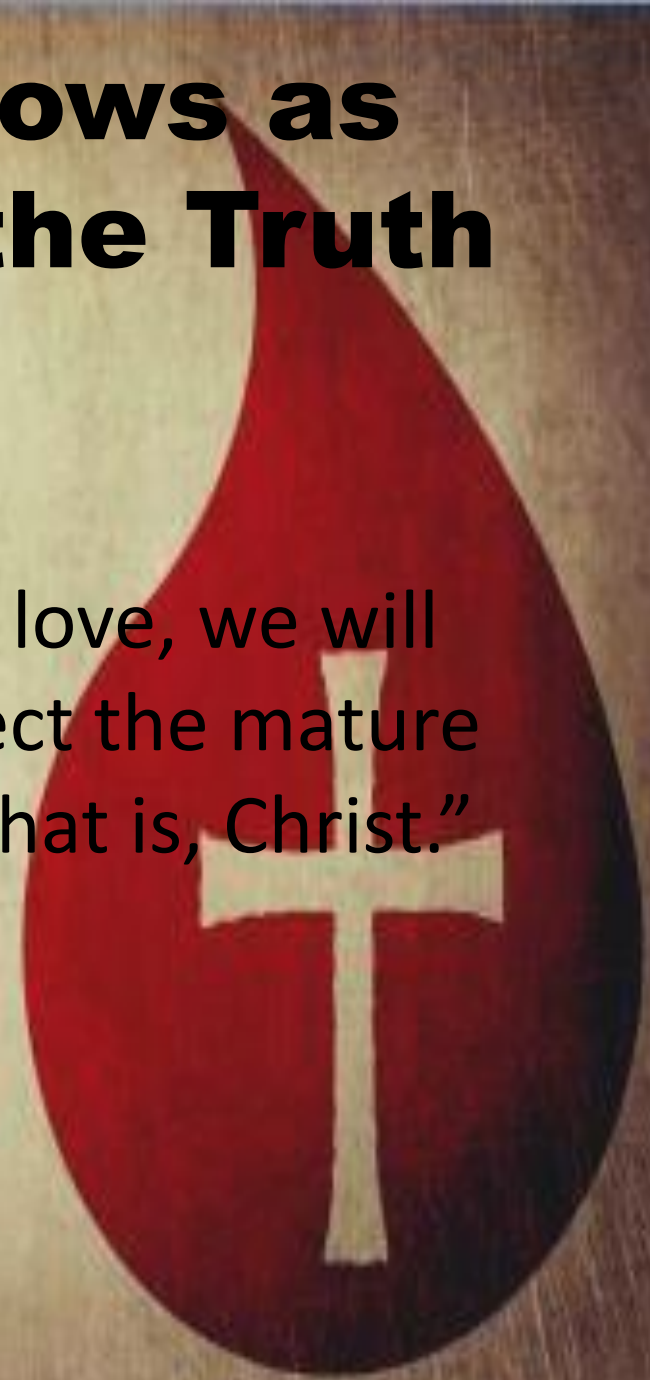
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 - through God's word 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - “16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

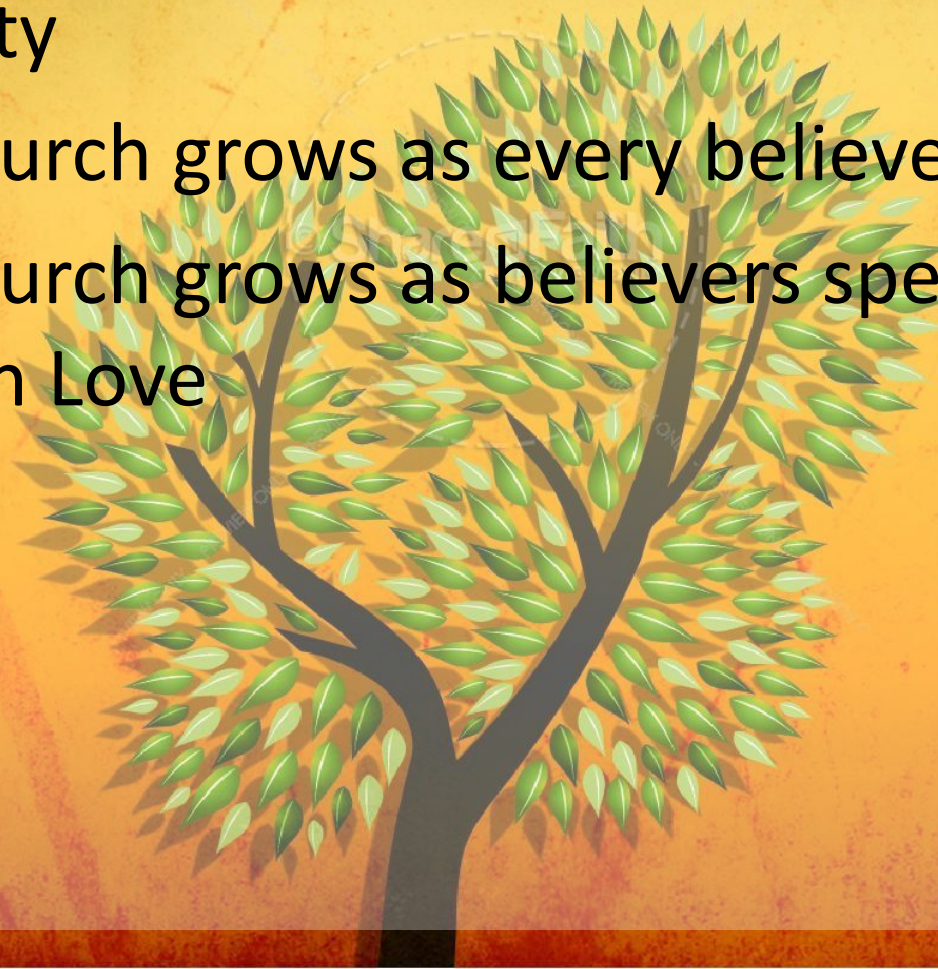
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