



Outline - Sunday, January 01, 2017

Sermon Title: “Growing – In Christ” The Soil of Trouble – The Seed of Faith – Fruit of Maturity

Scripture Reading: James 1:1-12

1. Two frameworks for Maturity: Covenantal/Spiritual

- a. (Old child - New mature Son) - Gal 4:1-7/Deut 32:20/Neh 9:29/Zech 7:11
- b. (Grow up into Christ - imperative) - Eph 4:15/2 Peter 3:18 - A (Luke 2:52)
- c. (The infant - child/adolescent/adulthood) - process 1 Cor 13:11
- d. (Dependent/under instructions/independent/interdependent - maturity)
(delusion)

2. The First and Last Adam - ex vs 12 - (Parallels - Contrast)

- Gen 1-3 (origin - test - Failure)
- Decree of God - vs 1:26-27
- Dependence of the son - Gen 2:7-8 F/S
- Discipline of the student - Gen 2:15-16 K/S
- Deployment of an adult - Gen 2:19-24 (Unit) echad
- Interdependent/Maturity - H/W

3. The Aim of God for them was to function in

- (the maturity of biblical interdependence)
- a. The tutoring completed
- b. The resources provided
- c. The mandate given - **GO!** - Gen 1:28 - Do What?
- d. Functioning in the maturity of institutional cooperation - Gen 3:16/1 Cor 11:1-3

4. The Last Adam

- a. Unto us A child is born - Is 9:6
- b. Dependent - Matt 1:13-14 (Egypt) - Gal 4:3-4
- c. Submissive - (to flawed parents) - Luke 2:41