

The Truth in Love

GROWING STRONG

Ephesians 4:1-16

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*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; **but speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ.*
Ephesians 4:14-15

Q. How does a person grow strong in the Christian life?

A. By receiving the truth in love and walking in it.

1. Truth is not subjective.

A. Truth is rooted in the Lord.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. John 14:6

B. Truth is revealed in the Bible.

"Sanctify them in truth; Your word is truth." John 17:17

C. Truth is reviled by the devil.

2. Truth is critical to salvation and spiritual growth.

A. You cannot be saved without the truth.

B. You cannot mature spiritually without the truth.

3. Truth is the need of the hour.

A. The church must speak the truth in love.

B. The Christian must study the truth and practice it in love.

If you will spend time in the truth and live it, you will grow!