

## Elementary Children's Church

### Lesson 24

#### Part 2 - The Holy Spirit Working in Us to Grow up in Him

2. **Ephesians 4:15**: "But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up into** him in **all** things, which is the head, [even] Christ." The word „speaking“ means to hold or possess as a vessel holds water. By being full of His Truth in love, we can grow up into the fullness of Christ, even into His same image. **2 Corinthians 3:18**: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed **into** the same **image** from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord." God wants nothing more than for the new man in us to receive **all** the fullness of God. Christ in me the Hope of Glory.

Love is key to this growth and readiness for the appearing of the Lord. Jesus is coming soon, and only those that loving His appearing will be ready for His first appearing. **2 Timothy 4:8**: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that **love his appearing**."

It's not physical maturity God is searching for, but spiritual maturity. Son's of God, mature Saints, are those that know and heed the call to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus: **2 Peter 3:18**.