

PBC Growing in Christ

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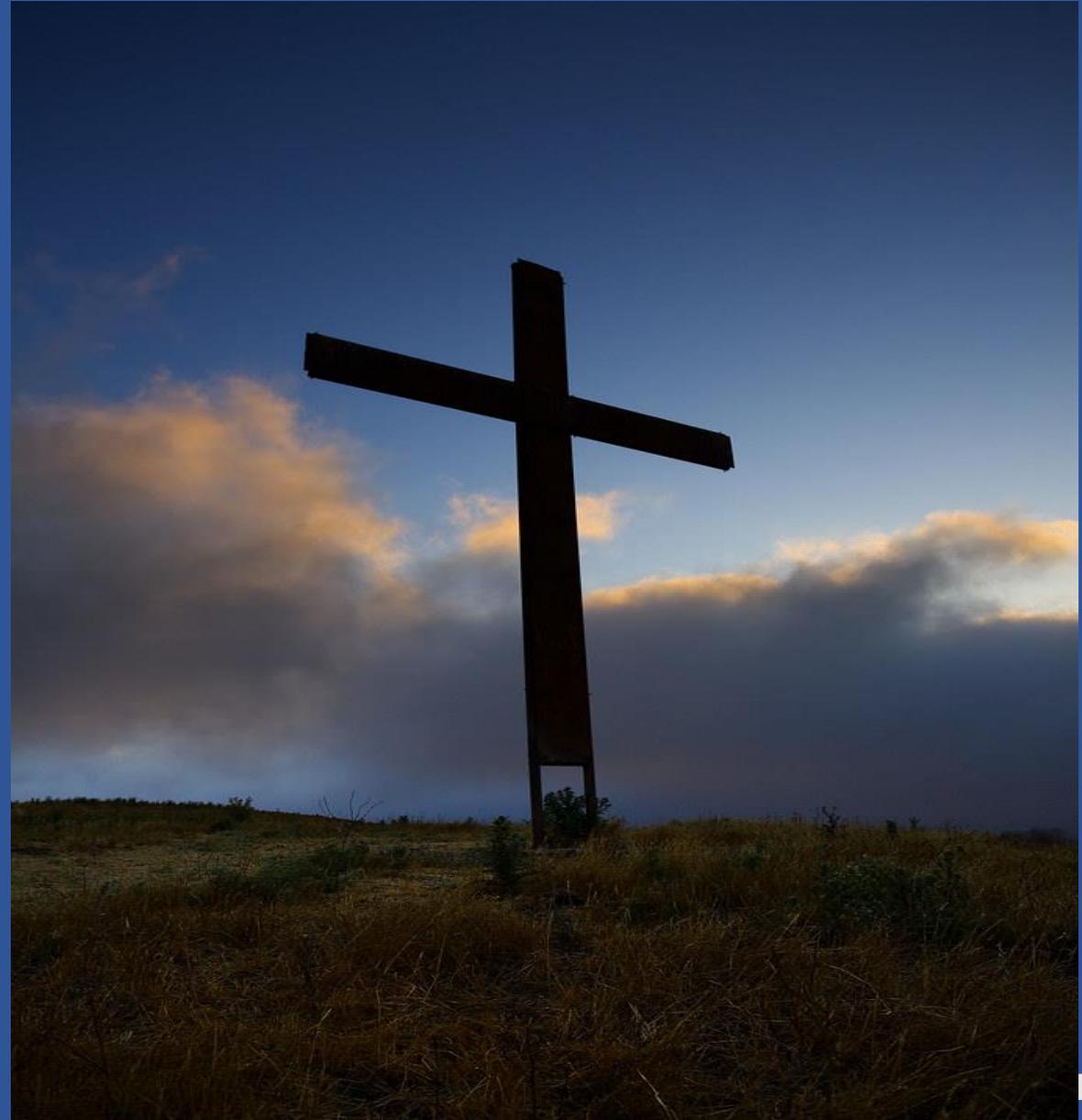
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

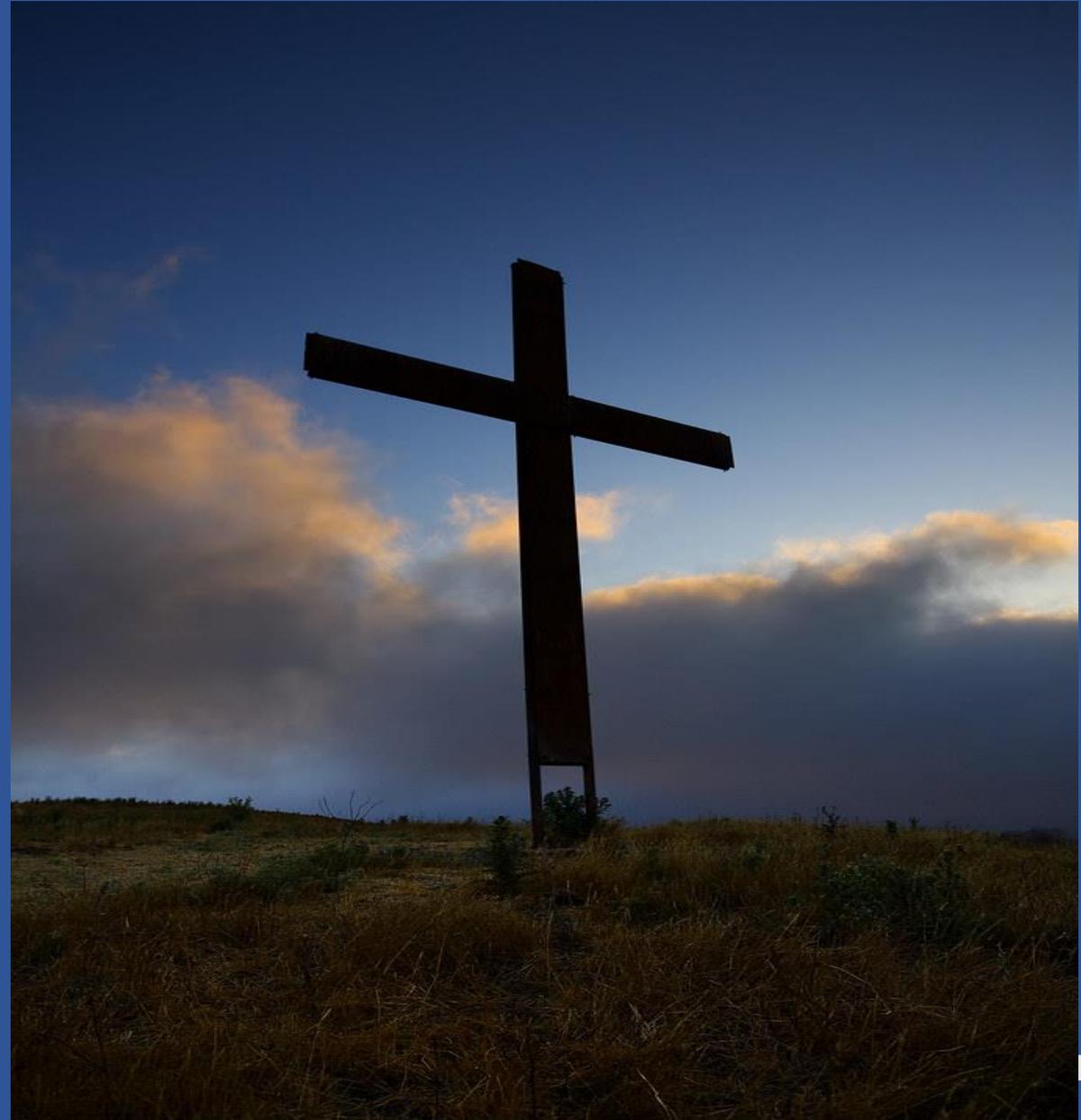
Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





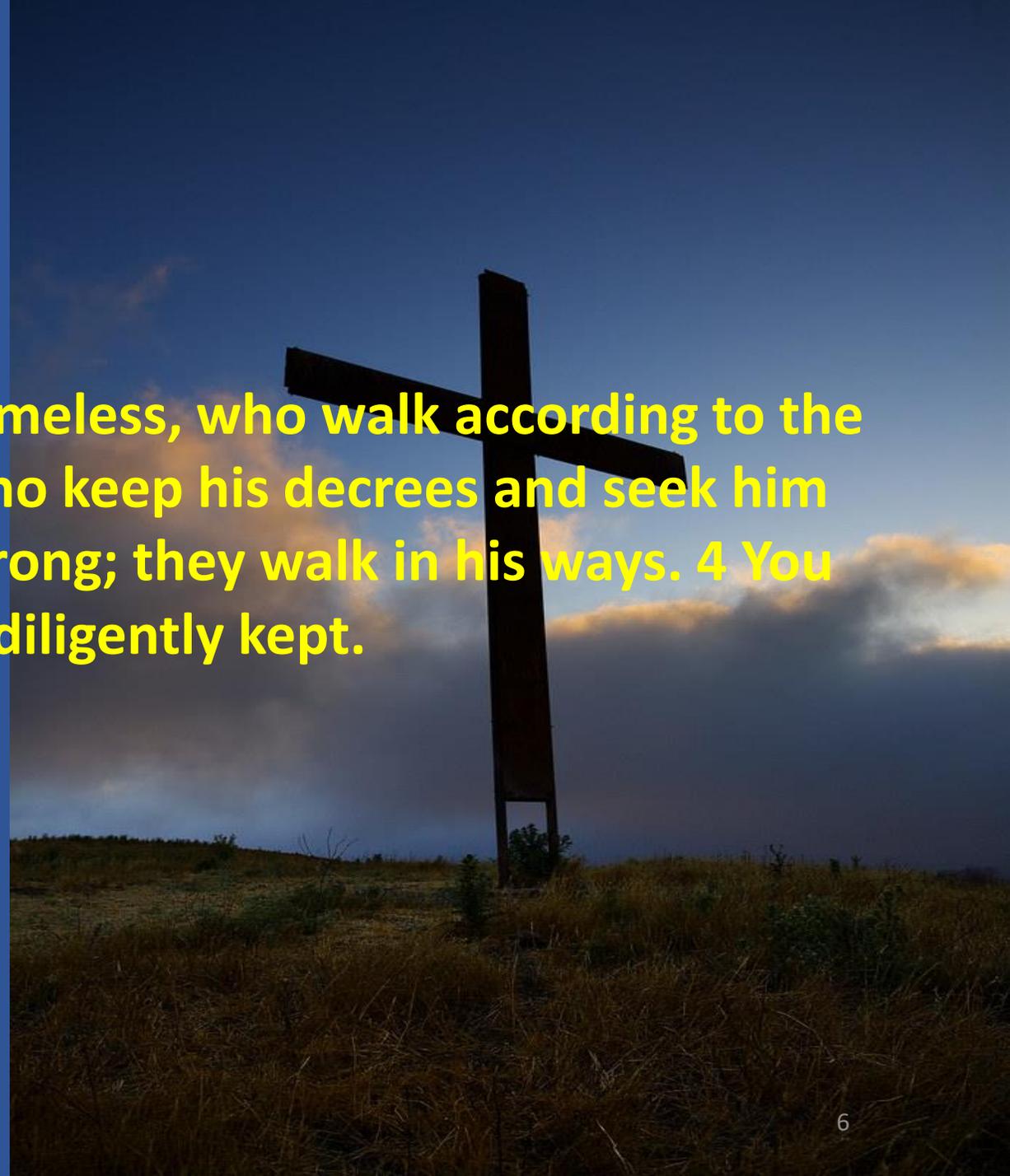
Committed to His Word Psalm 119:1-11

What advice would you include if you wrote a how-to book on growing older?

Scripture

Psalm 119:1-4

1 How happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk according to the LORD's instruction! 2 Happy are those who keep his decrees and seek him with all their heart. 3 They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. 4 You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept.





Committed to His Word Psalm 119:1-4

How would you describe the psalmist's feelings about God's instruction?"

How has God's Word provided guidance for you?



Committed to His Word

Psalm 119:1-4

- The psalmist tells us the extent to which we need to walk according to God's Word.
- We can't find the highest form of blessing in our lives if we only seek the Lord and His Word with a half-hearted commitment.
- Diligent obedience to the words and commands of God gives us exactly what it said it would. Blessing.

Scripture

Psalm 119:5-8

5 If only my ways were committed to keeping your statutes! 6 Then I would not be ashamed when I think about all your commands. 7 I will praise you with an upright heart when I learn your righteous judgments. 8 I will keep your statutes; never abandon me.





Committed to His Word

Psalm 119:5-8

What are the characteristics of a person devoted to knowing God and keeping His Word?

What was the psalmist's desire and determination in these verses?



Committed to His Word

Psalm 119:5-8

- The greatest weapon against Satan's plan to get us to sin and bury us in shame is obedience to God's Word.
- Our human nature is prone to sin, but we can stand against temptation when we lean on Christ.

Scripture

Psalm 119:9-11

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping your word.
10 I have sought you with all my heart; don't let me wander from your commands.
11 I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.





Committed to His Word

Psalm 119:9-11

What specific steps can you take to increase the influence of God's Word in your life?"

What are specific, practical ways we can treasure God's Word?



Committed to His Word

Psalm 119:9-11

- There is an inseparable connection between living right and obeying God's Word
 - Treasure God's word in your heart.
 - We should feed regularly and getting nourished with scripture so not to be easily tempted to sin.
 - When we treasure and store up God's Word in our hearts, we feast on His goodness and provision.
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GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Read His Word.** If God's Word hasn't been a part of your life, begin now. Take time every day to read Scripture and meditate on what you read. A good place to start is the Gospel of John. Before you read, ask God to speak to you. He loves you and desperately wants to meet you in that time with Him.
- **Hide His Word.** Consider practical ways to effectively store up God's Word in your heart. For example, download an audio Bible and commit to listening to God's Word when you're in your car. Use an app like Scripture Memory Bible to help you memorize Scripture.
- **Share His Word.** Commit to helping others know God's Word. Start a Bible study. Reach out to those not currently in a small group. Or, find a friend to study the same passage of Scripture with you every week. Meet up and share any questions you have and what God taught you through His Word.

Final thoughts about Christ's Commitment to Us



- The blessing comes when our whole heart is in it.
- Complete obedience to God's Word brings blessings.
- Seeking the fullness of life apart from obedience to God's Word never works. Never.
- The psalmist is to be commended for his desire to be obedient—a desire we also should embrace—but we know as the psalmist did that remaining steadfast in obedience can be hard.

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We are going to love the hell out
you!

Resources

Proverbs 8:17

Matthew 6:6

Proverbs 1:4

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Bible.com





**Next Week: September 6, 2020
Committed to His Church**

Romans 12:3-17

**What are your first memories
of church?**



God Bless You!

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