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THE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE THE FOURTH STAGE –CHRIST'S FULL GROWTH IN US Full of the Stature of Christ

*The growth of the stature of Christ within us can be divided into **five steps**. **Firstly**, Christ enters into us to become our life. **Secondly**, Christ living within us through the Holy Spirit gradually grows in us. **Thirdly**, Christ is formed in us. **Fourthly**, Christ is manifested through us. [O]ne day every part of our being will be filled with His elements; then we will attain to the **fifth** step—Christ becoming matured in us, or we being full of the stature of the fullness of Christ...**Every saved Christian** has the experience of the first step— Christ entering into us to become our life. If anyone has not experienced this first step, he is not saved, neither can he speak of the experiences of life which follow. Concerning the second step—Christ living and growing within us—**every seeking Christian is in the process of the experience**. As to the third step—Christ being formed in us—**many have not attained** to this stage. When we come to the fourth step of Christ being manifested through us, **even fewer** have experienced it. Finally, as to the fifth step—Christ being matured in us and we being matured in His life and full of His stature—people with this experience **can rarely be found** in all the churches on earth today.*

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Scripture Reading

Eph 3:17-19 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be full of strength to apprehend **with all the saints** what the **breadth** and **length** and **height** and **depth** are. And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that **you may be filled unto all the fullness of God**.

*[T]o apprehend the breadth, the length, the depth, and the height of Christ, **we need a togetherness with all saints***

Eph 4:13 Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, **at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**,

In this passage, the writer is not referring to individual saints, but rather pointing out the fact that one day the Body of Christ, which is the church, shall attain to such a stage.

*From these two scripture references we see that the stature of the fullness of Christ and the unsearchable dimensions of Christ **cannot be experienced by ourselves individually, but by being in the Body and joined together with all the saints.***

*Therefore, simply speaking, the maturity of a Christian life takes place **in the Body**. We should never expect that we can attain to the maturity of life individually. In fact, **when one sees the Body, he can no more be individual.***

Hymn # 1232

1 Once by nature we were dead in sin,
In a world of utter discord;
But together God has quickened us,
Raised us up to sit together with the Lord.

Jesus is getting us together,
Come and see the saints in one accord.
His love is knitting us together,
To the stature of the fullness of the Lord.

2 Thus with all saints we can apprehend
All the vast dimensions of God.
Knowing Christ's love passes all we know,
We're together filled to fullness with our God.

3 Now we know the purpose of our God,
Visible the mystery became:
Christ, the church, together now we see,
And together put the enemy to shame.

4 For this cause we pray the Father God—
Strengthen Thou with might our inner man;
Make Yourself at home in all our hearts,
Root us, ground us in Your love
and for Your plan.

5 In the Body we'll be fitly framed
As the many members Christ supply;
Working in the measure of each part,
All by growth in love the Body edify.

6 Now we're one His purpose to fulfill,
As the one new man of His plan.
Unto Him be glory in the church,
And in Jesus Christ forevermore—Amen!

Once by nature we were dead in sin

The Church — As the One New Man

1232

(Guitar)

1. Once by na - ture we were dead in sin, In a world of ut - ter dis-cord;
But to - geth - er God has quickened us, Raised us up to sit togeth - er with the Lord.
Chorus
(C) Je - sus is get - ting us togeth - er, Come and see the saints in one ac - cord.
His love is knit - ting us togeth - er, To the sta - ture of the full - ness of the Lord.