

Not to go forwards is to go backwards. When we begin a new life, we have to grow or we will always be stunted and incomplete. You have been given a new life, now you must grow to maturity in it.

Being baptized in the Spirit is only a beginning. It is a first step. It should not be the spiritual highpoint of your life. It should be the low point - from this time onwards. The Lord wants it to be the beginning of a better and better life.

You have a seed of new life in you. With the right soil and the right care a seed will grow naturally. Learn how to care for it, and have no fear; it will grow.

THE WHEEL

The wheel represents your life as a Christian. The rim of the wheel represents your daily life. As the rim revolves around the hub, you move forward. The hub of the wheel is Christ. The hub of a wheel is the source of power and direction for the whole wheel. Christ is the source of power and direction for your life. Spokes transmit the power and direction from the hub to the rim. As long as the rim is in contact with the hub through the spokes, it can move forward.

Some spokes for your Christian life are:

- Prayer
- Study (of God's word)
- Community (life shared with other Christians)
- Service

Growth comes from Christ, who gives you a new life. But you need to do those things which will keep you in contact with him.

- Pray every day
- Study God's word regularly
- Meet with other Christians for prayer and sharing regularly
- Find a means of Christian service, especially find a way to share the life you have been given.

