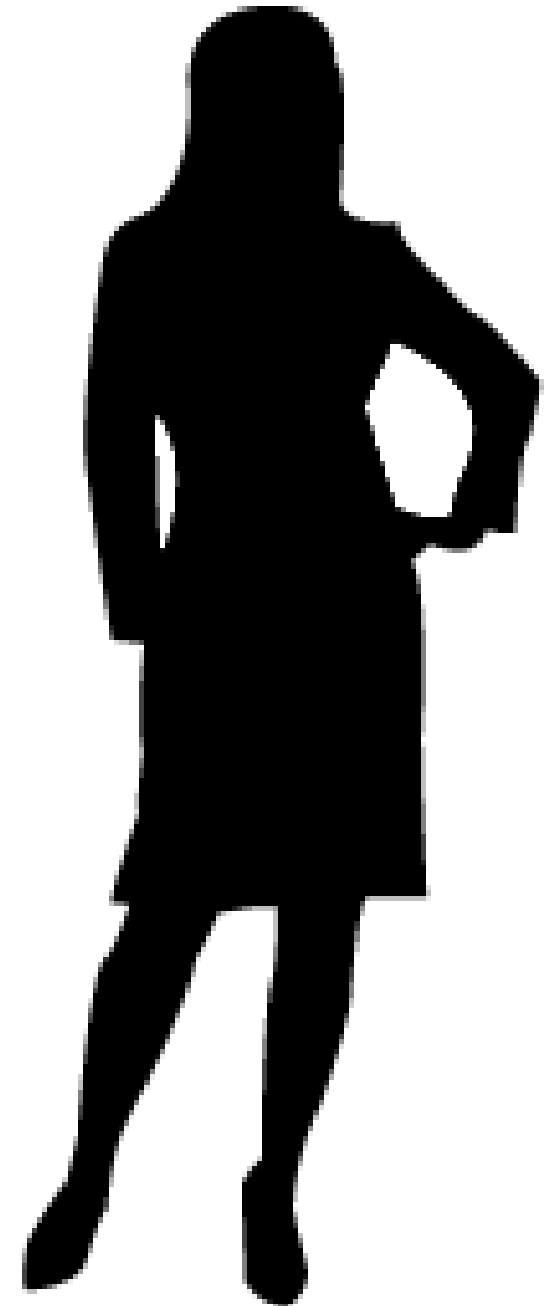


Encouraged by Growing up

1 Peter 2:1-3

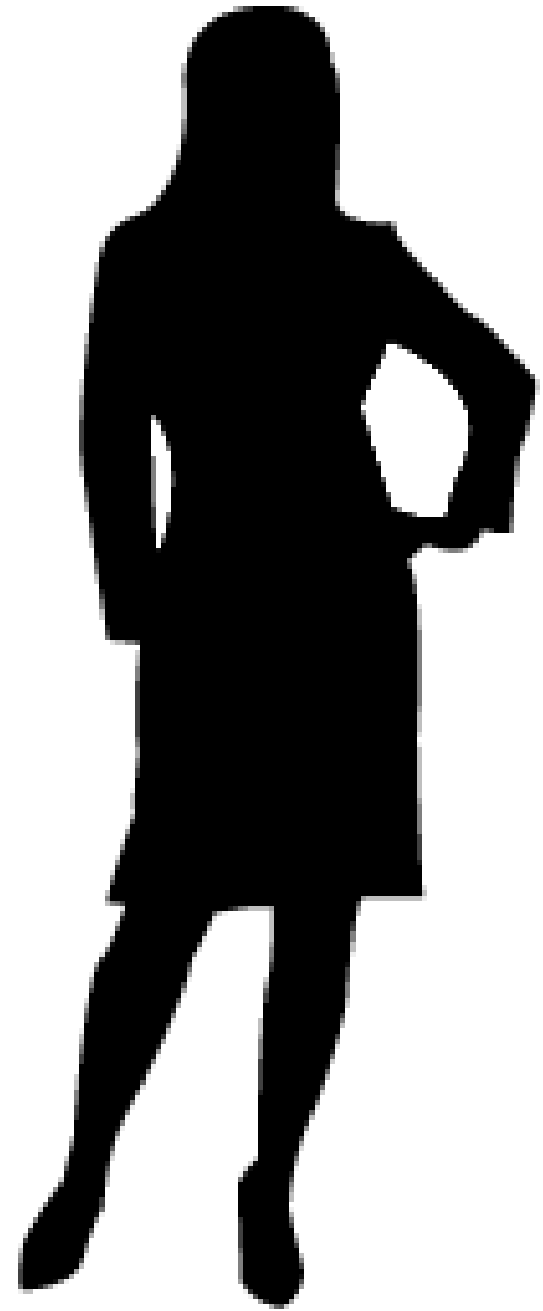
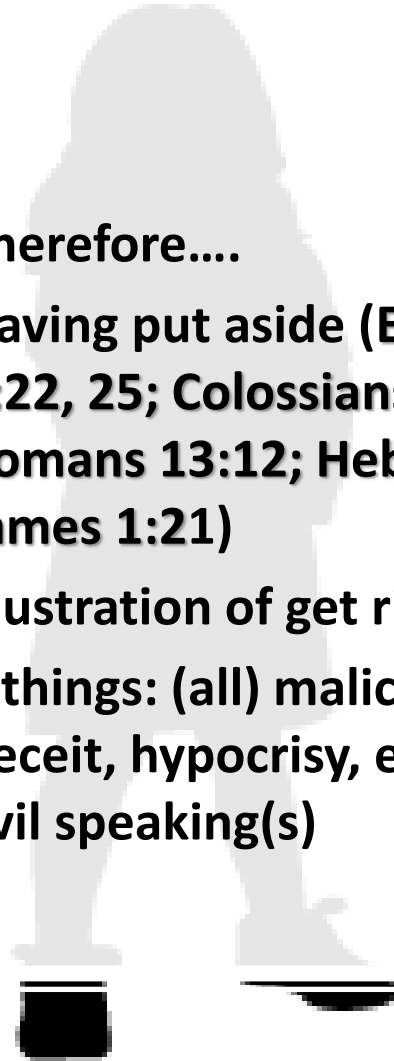
Introduction

- **Stories of our growing up**
- **Watch children grow up**
- **Signs of growing up**
- **Text could have been a catechism for new converts?**
- **We never stop growing!**



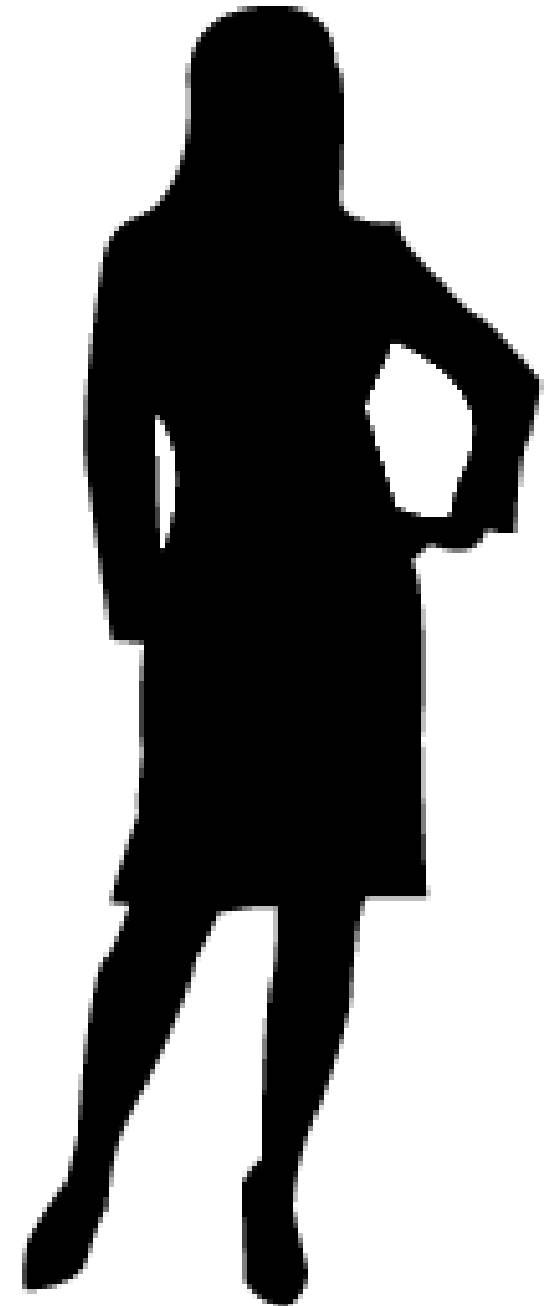
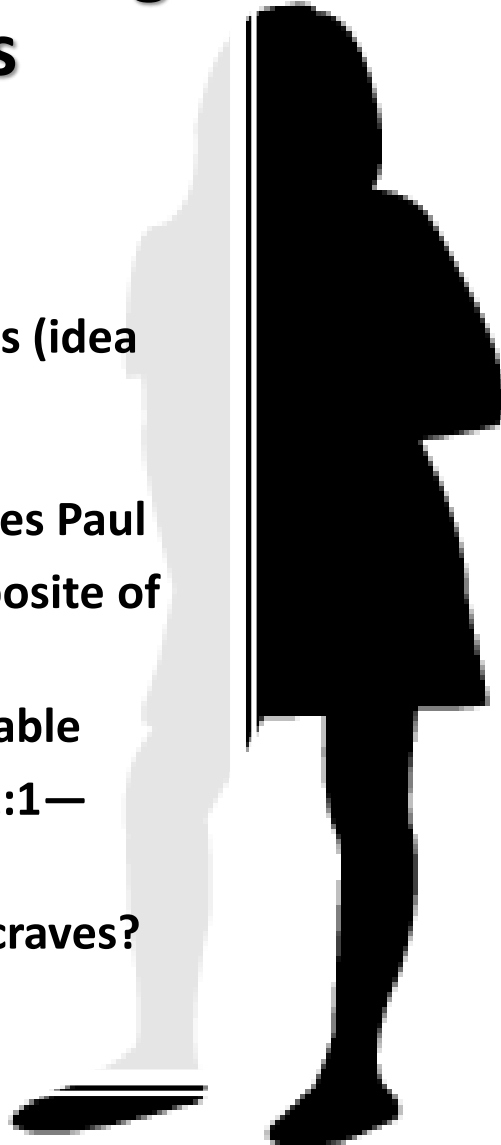
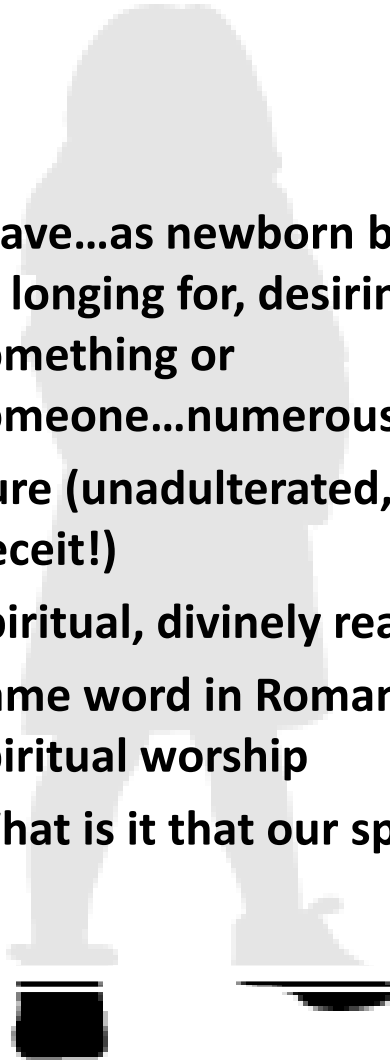
We grow up by getting rid of things

- Therefore....
- Having put aside (Ephesians 4:22, 25; Colossians 3:8; Romans 13:12; Heb.12:1; James 1:21)
- Illustration of get rid of!
- 5 things: (all) malice, (all) deceit, hypocrisy, envie(s), (all) evil speaking(s)



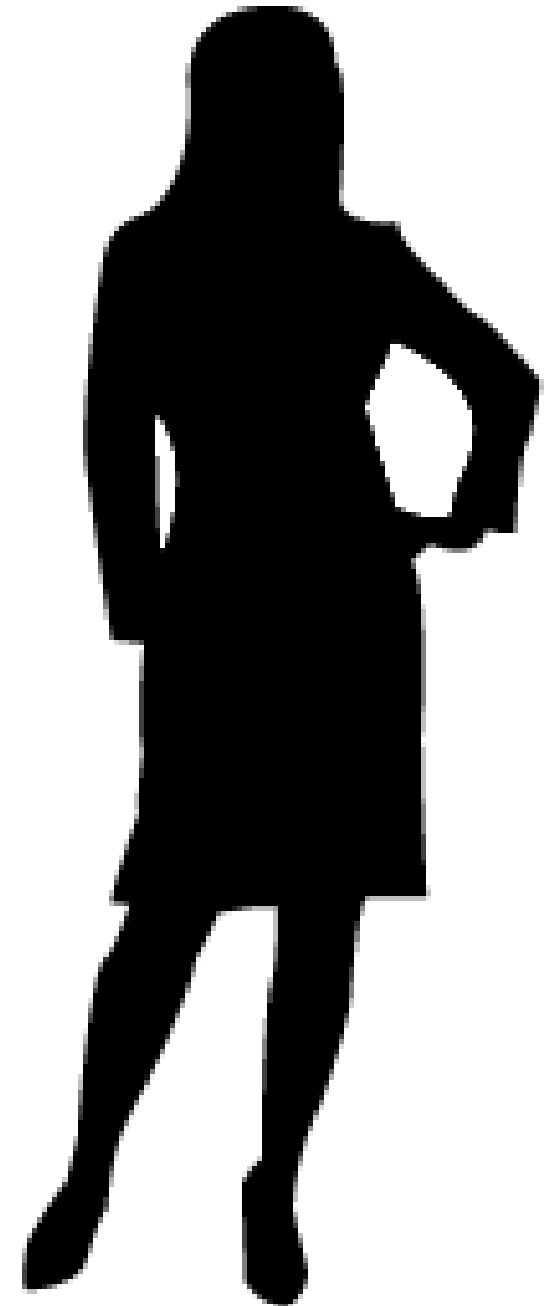
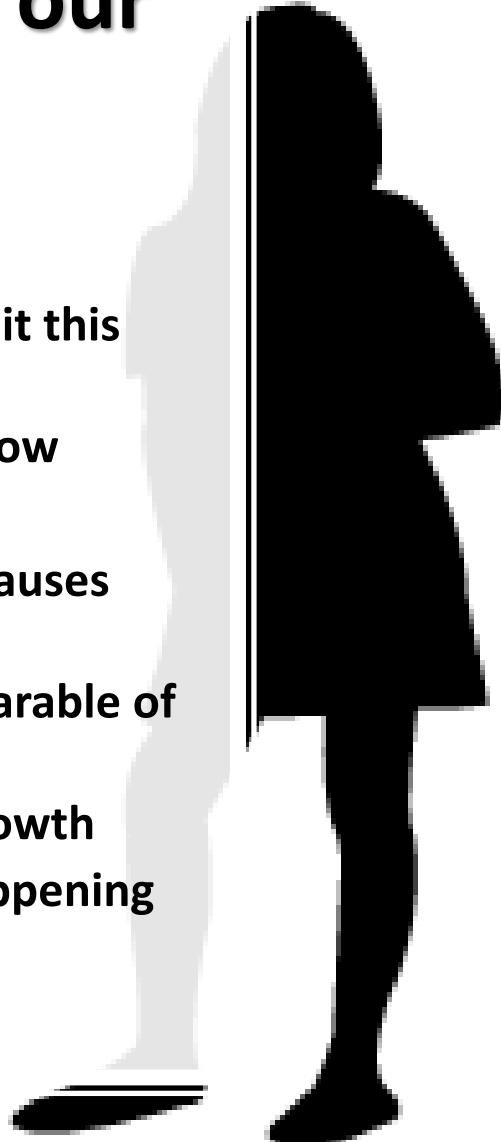
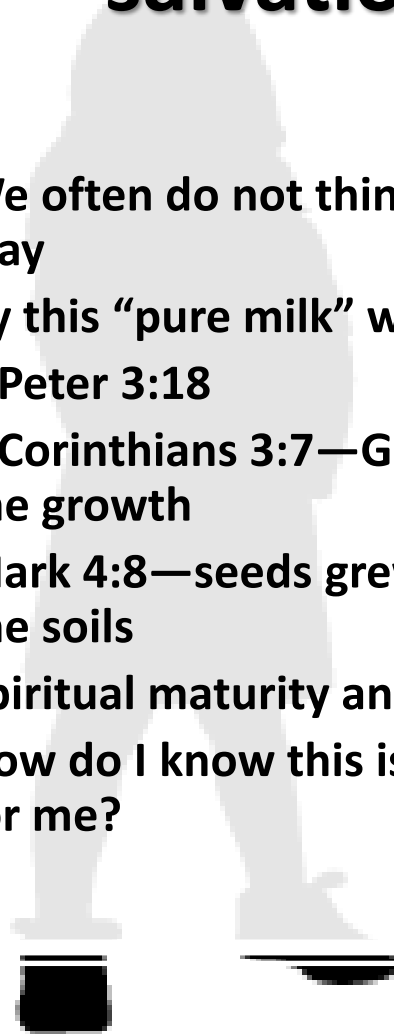
We grow up by craving certain things

- **Crave...as newborn babies (idea of longing for, desiring of something or someone...numerous times Paul**
- **Pure (unadulterated, opposite of deceit!)**
- **Spiritual, divinely reasonable**
- **Same word in Romans 12:1— spiritual worship**
- **What is it that our spirit craves?**



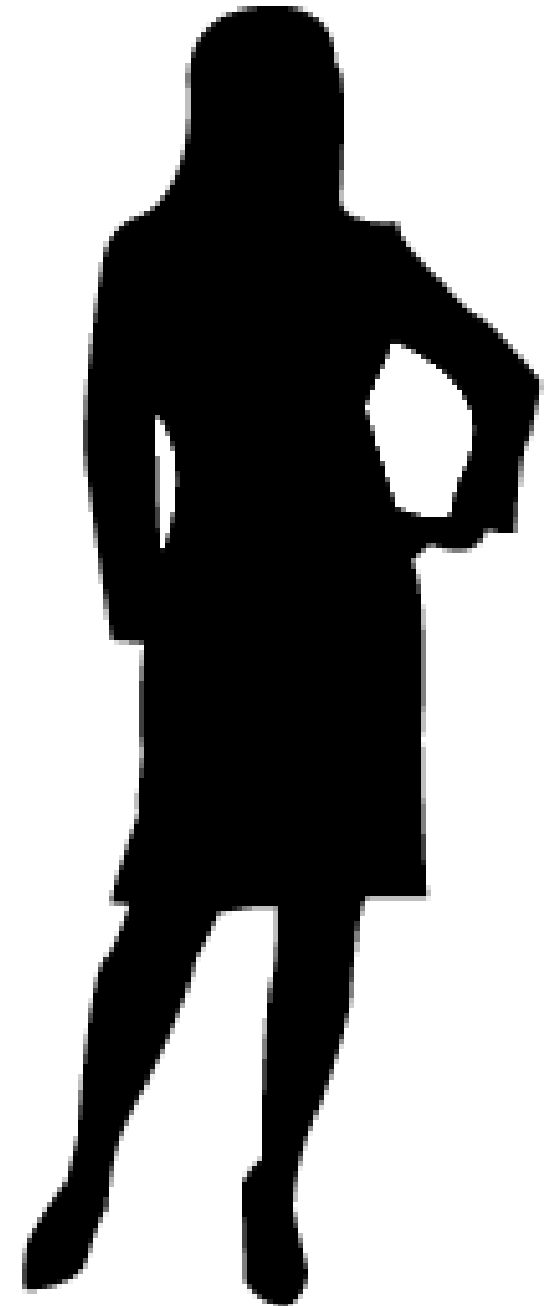
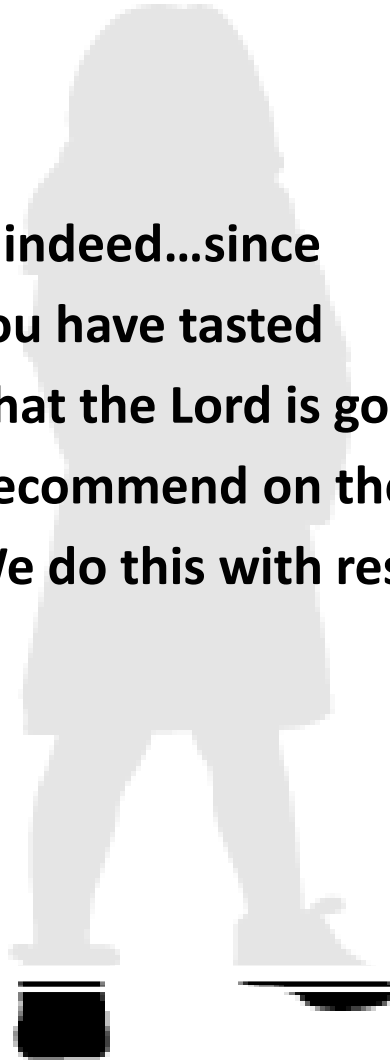
We grow up in our salvation

- **We often do not think of it this way**
- **By this “pure milk” we grow**
- **2 Peter 3:18**
- **1 Corinthians 3:7—God causes the growth**
- **Mark 4:8—seeds grew, parable of the soils**
- **Spiritual maturity and growth**
- **How do I know this is happening for me?**



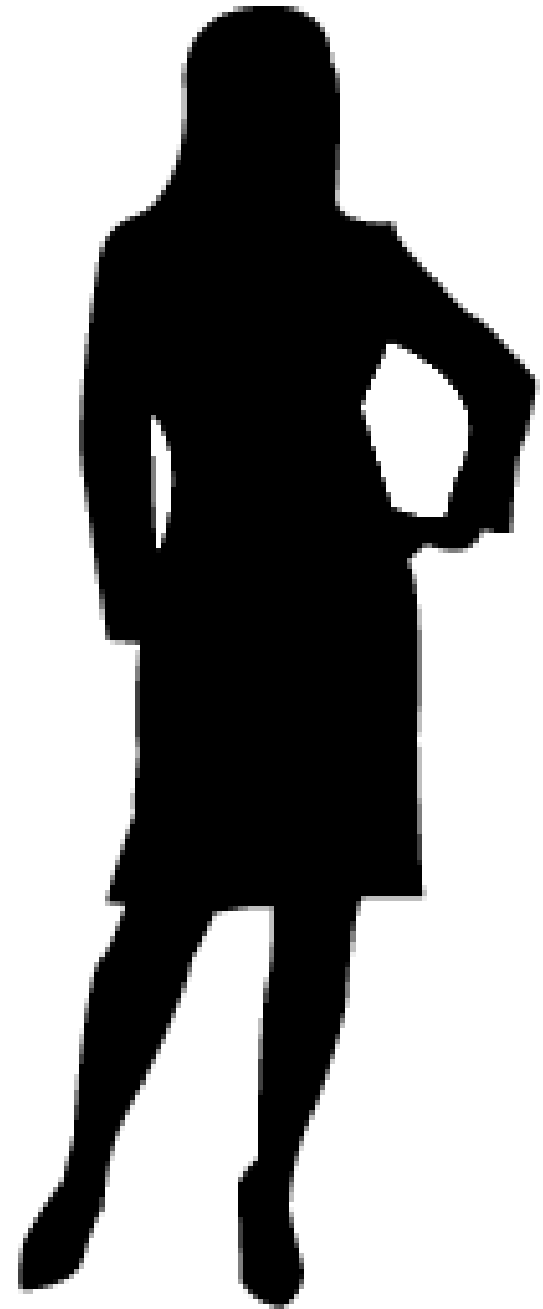
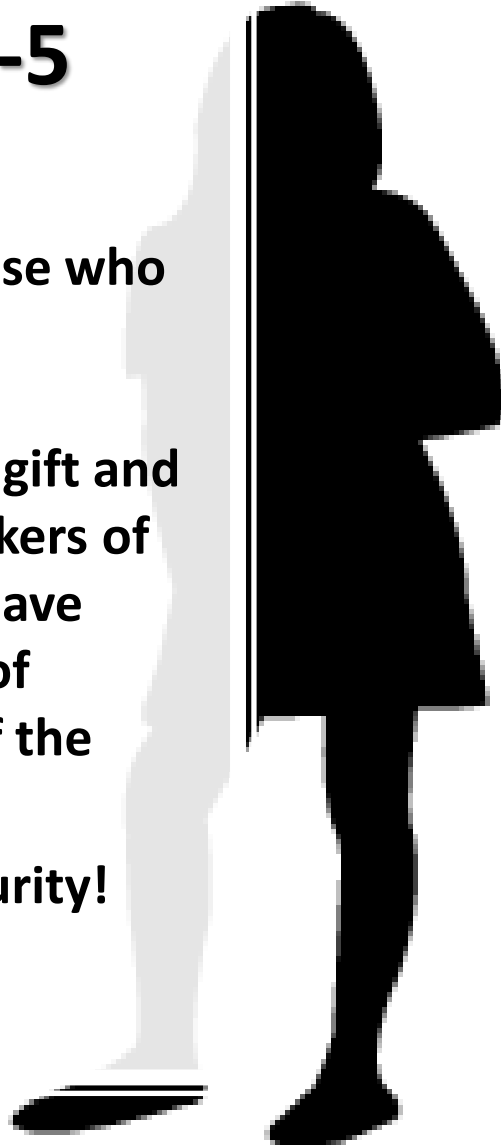
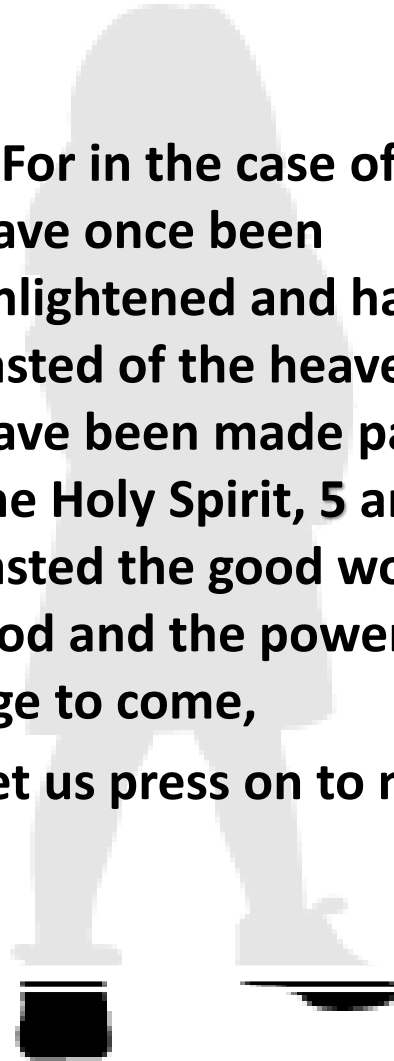
We grow up when we have tasted the Lord

- **If indeed...since**
- **You have tasted**
- **that the Lord is good/kind**
- **Recommend on the tasting!**
- **We do this with restaurants!**



Hebrews 6:4-5

- **4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,**
- **Let us press on to maturity!**



Conclusion

We grow up spiritually when...

- **We get rid of things**
- **We crave certain things**
- **We grow in our salvation**
- **When we have tasted the Lord**

