

## A. CONFORMITY TO CHRIST IS PROGRESSIVE (1 JOHN 3:2-3)

- 1.) Increasing by successive stages: (2 Corinthians 3:18)
  - a.) Seed stage (Genesis 1:11-12)
    - (1 Peter 1:23-25; John 1:1, 14; Luke 1:31, 34-35, 38)
  - b.) Conflict stage (Galatians 5:16-17)
    - 1.) Displacement old life
    - 2.) Replacement new life
  - c.) Transition stage (John 12:32)
    - 1.) Lower stage
    - 2.) Upward stage
  - d.) Advancing stage (Hebrews 12:1-3)
    - 1.) Sanctification and spiritual education (Romans 8:28-29)
  - e.) Developed stage (Matthew 28:18-20)
    - 1.) Power stage (fasting) (1 John 3:9)
    - 2.) Victory stage (praying) (Matthew 17:20-21)

"No matter how much you force-feed a corpse, you will not get development or growth. There must be some life in the body (person) that corresponds with the food before there can be growth."