

ments, this holy communion of soul will be enjoyed. His whole being must be permeated with the truth, so that it becomes a part of himself. His soul pants after God, and he can only be truly happy when he is enjoying the fulness of the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. His happiness requires that a vigorous Christian life shall be maintained, that his life shall be hid with Christ in God. The Saviour prayed that his disciples might have his joy fulfilled in that they might be one with him and abide in him. Thus the believer's faith will become strong, his hopes bright, and his joys deep, pure and abiding. As the tree draws nourishment from the soil, so he will be nourished by the truth. It will be his meat to do the Master's will. Living in the sphere of truth, in the love of the truth, drinking in the truth, strengthened by the truth, he will reflect the truth, secure the sweetest joys of earth and an abundant preparation for the joys of heaven. Present experiences and future prospects will minister to the believer's happiness.

2. Because it is essential to his growth in grace and in the knowledge of God. The human soul possesses wonderful capacity for growth. The Apostolic injunction to every redeemed soul is, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Growth is a necessary result of living in obedience to the laws of God's kingdom. The babe is to grow until he attains to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus. To remain a babe is to dishonor God and rob his own soul. The truth affords all the nourishment necessary for the believer's growth, all the treasures heavenly wisdom minister to his growth in grace. Being rooted and grounded in the truth, he will be strong in the Lord, and will bear much fruit.

3. Because it is essential to the believer's usefulness. He has been called into Christ's kingdom, not merely that he may be blessed, but that he may be a blessing to others. He is to be a witness to the truth, a living epistle known and read of all men. He is to bring forth the fruits of righteousness, to walk holily, righteously and unblamably before the world. He is to walk in Christ. His thoughts, words and actions are to be in harmony with the principles of truth. His usefulness will depend upon his being rooted and grounded in the truth, wholly subject to the truth, and showing a zeal according to knowledge. Thus he will be led to make a wise use of his time, and consecrate all his talents to the service of God's will.