







# basis for our growth

"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will"

John 5:21



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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

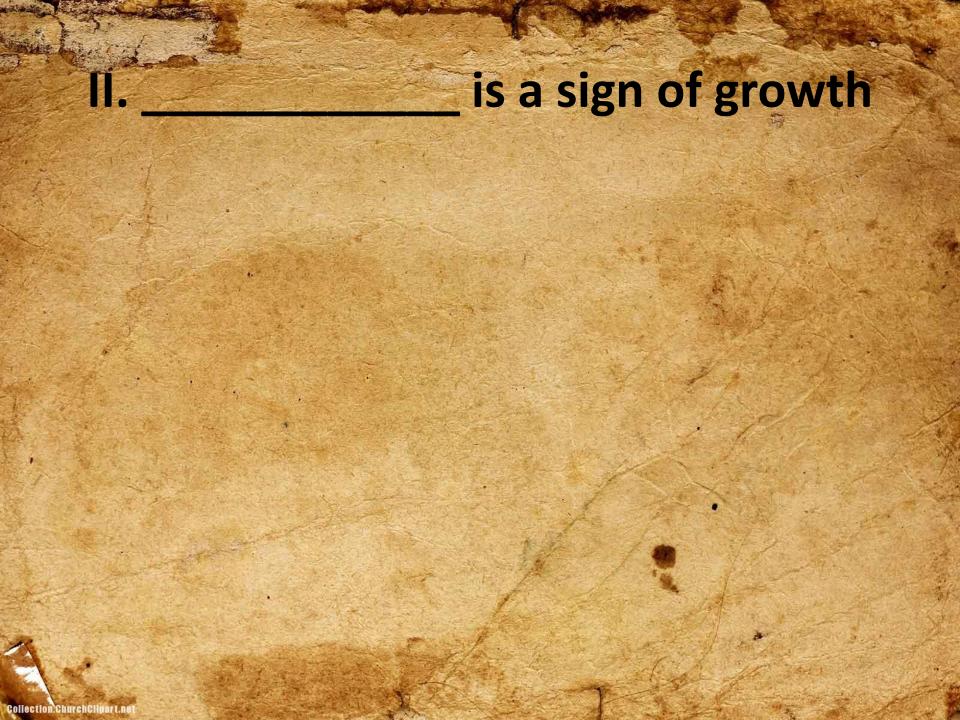


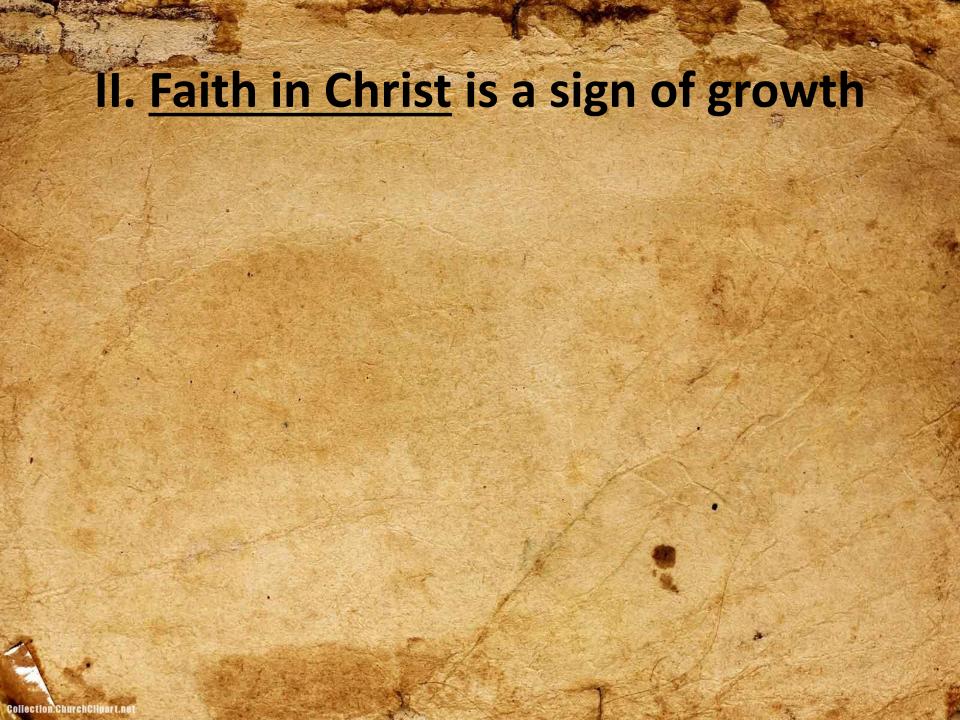
# Believing on Christ is the basis for our growth

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)"

Ephesians 2:4-5







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"I and My Father are one."

John 10:30



"but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:31

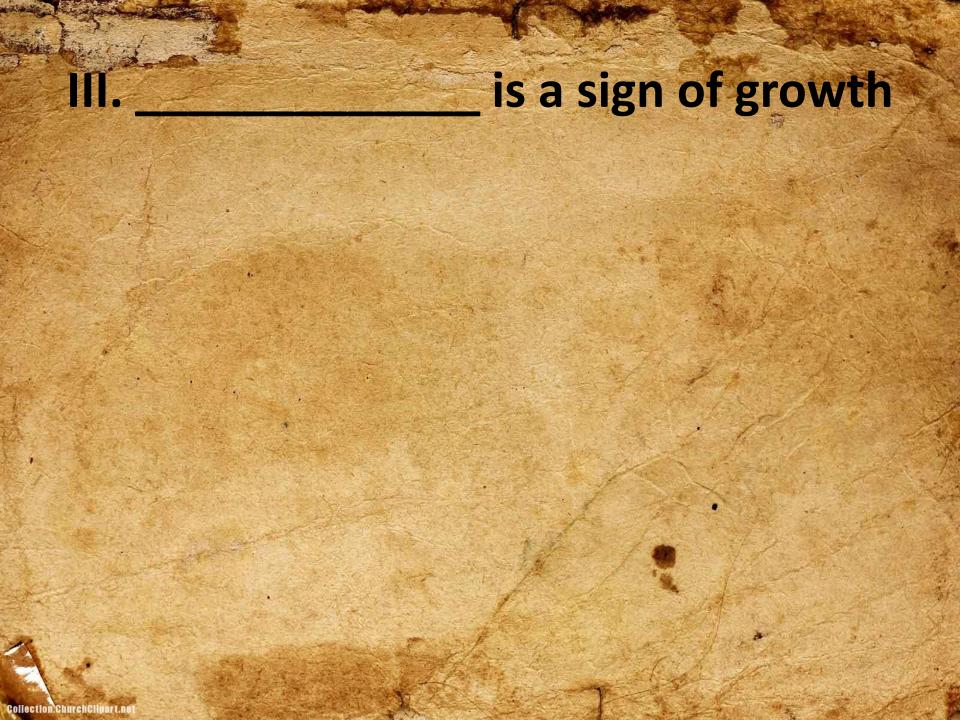


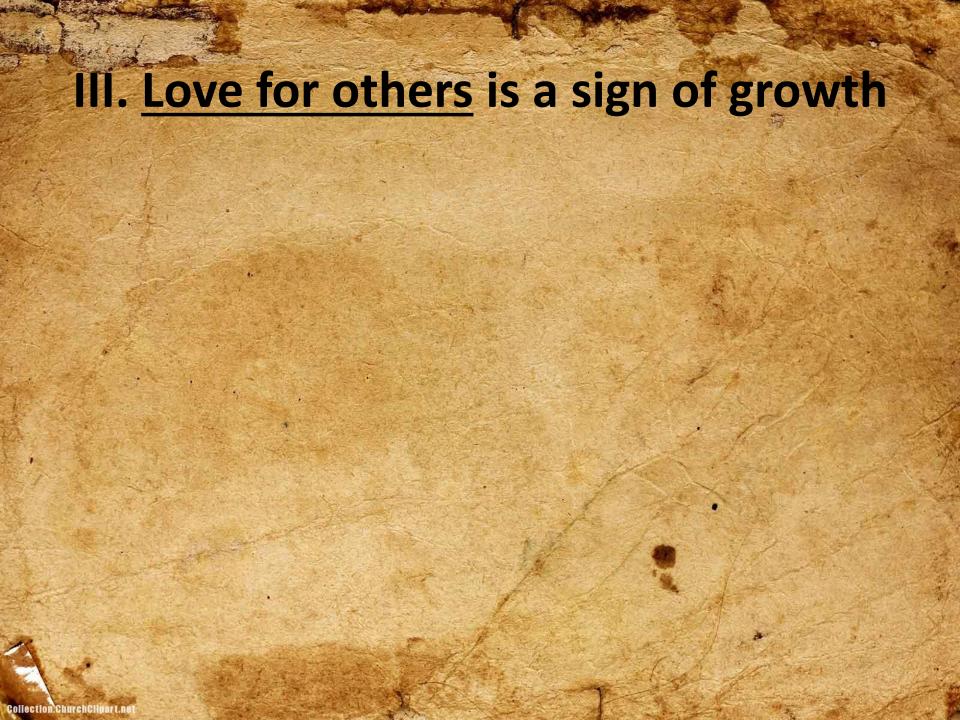
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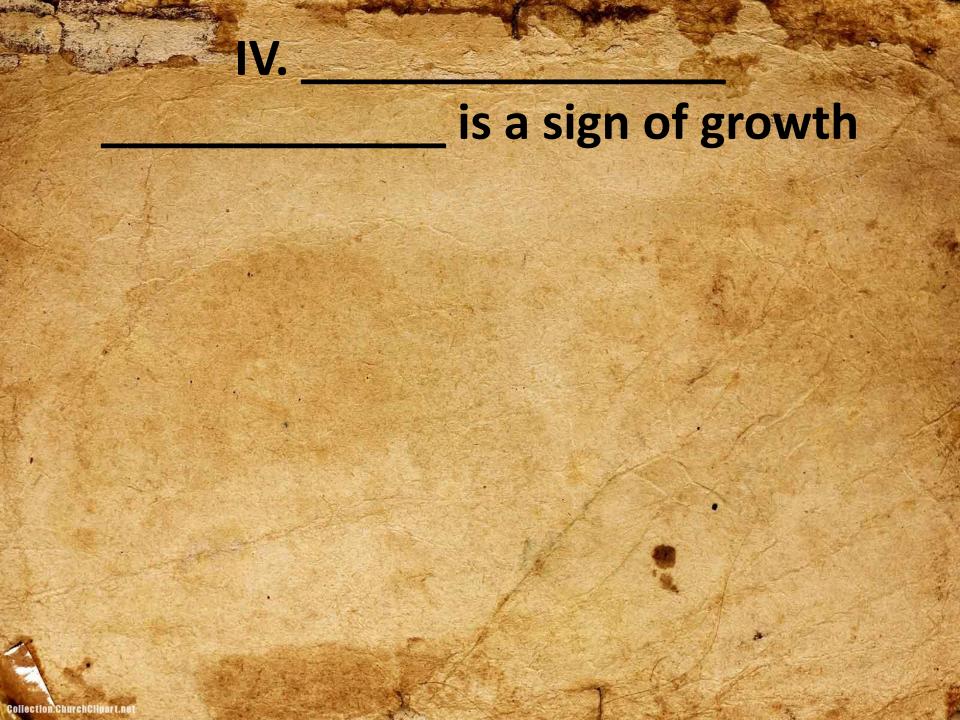


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- C. Faith has a clear outcome (vv. 4, 5)











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 God's commandments are not burdensome because they are given and received in the context of love.



