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## The Christ-Filled Church The Stature of the Church

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Grace Church		
FILLED with the AUTHO	RITY, the	EIDENTITY,
the CHARACTER, and the		of Christ
FULNESS (πληροω) = "	", "	", or
A Christ-filled church is one that		-
into the of the	fullness of	Jesus Christ!
How does the church gro		stature
The church grows because Christ gives	<b>.</b>	(vs 11)
The church grows because gifted indiv saints (vs 12)		
The church grows because the saints c(vs 12)	lo the	of
How long do we continue bui	lding the boo	ly of Christ?
We continue building until we are		
and	(vs 13)	
We continue building until we have re	ached	
We continue building until we have re	ached the	
of Jesus Christ (vs 13)		

Are we, as the body of believers at Grace Church, together becoming more of a Christ-filled church?

## **TIP Sheet** (Take It Personal)

Use the below questions to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

- 1. What are some of the different ways we grow throughout our lives (physical, intellectual, etc)? What are some ways that we grow that never come to an end? Have you ever taken seriously the idea that growing as a Christian or a church is a lifetime, never-ending process?
- 2. READ: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 18, 28-31 Who is it who gives spiritual gifts to individuals in the body of Christ? Why are the gifts of communicating the truth of God's Word so important in the building of the body of Christ?
- 3. Do you feel like you are being equipped to do the work of ministry at Grace Church? Who is proclaiming the truth of God's Word in your life and equipping you to do the work of ministry?

4. What is the specific work of ministry you feel God has gifted you to do? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? How are you using your spiritual gifts to serve at Grace Church? Are you contributing to the growth, or lack of growth, at Grace Church?

5. Why is it so important for the body of Christ to grow in our unity of faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ? Is it possible to grow in Christlikeness as a church if we are not deeply knowledgeable of who Jesus Christ is?

6. READ: Colossians 1:24-29 Who was it who gave Paul the "stewardship" of being a "minister" (servant) among the Colossians (vs 25a)? What was the ministry that God gave Paul (vs 25b)? Why did Paul "teach everyone with all wisdom" (vs 28)? Do you see the practical similarities in these verses compared to how God builds the body of Christ in Ephesians 4:11-13?

7. What are some of the specific ways we can measure Christlikeness in our individual lives? What are some of the specific ways we can measure Christlikeness in a church?

8. What evidence do you see that Grace Church is together becoming more of and more of a Christ-filled church?