

PSALMS  120-134

Songs of ASCENT

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- When the Israelites went up to Jerusalem for the three major feasts of the year.
- When the priest went up the 15 steps of the temple.
- When the believers grow from being infants and children to mature spiritual adults.



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PSALM 133:1-3

Growing in Christ

John 17

- “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” John 17:3
- “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.” John 17:15
- “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” John 17:22-23

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”



EPHESIANS 4:11-13

“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”



EPHESIANS 4:14-16

“I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”



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