



Growing in Christ's love

Ephesians 3
v17b—21

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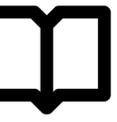
**Always growing
in Christ's love,
strength and
new life.**



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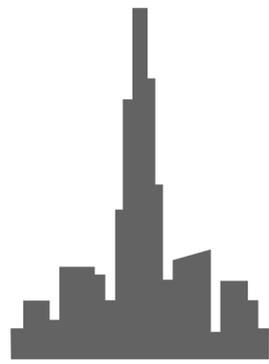








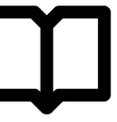
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The four magnitudes of Love (R. Kent Hughes)

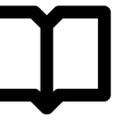
- ▶ **Wide** enough to embrace the world
- ▶ **Long** enough to last forever
- ▶ **High** enough to take sinners to heaven
- ▶ **Deep** enough to take Christ to the very depths to reach the lowest sinner



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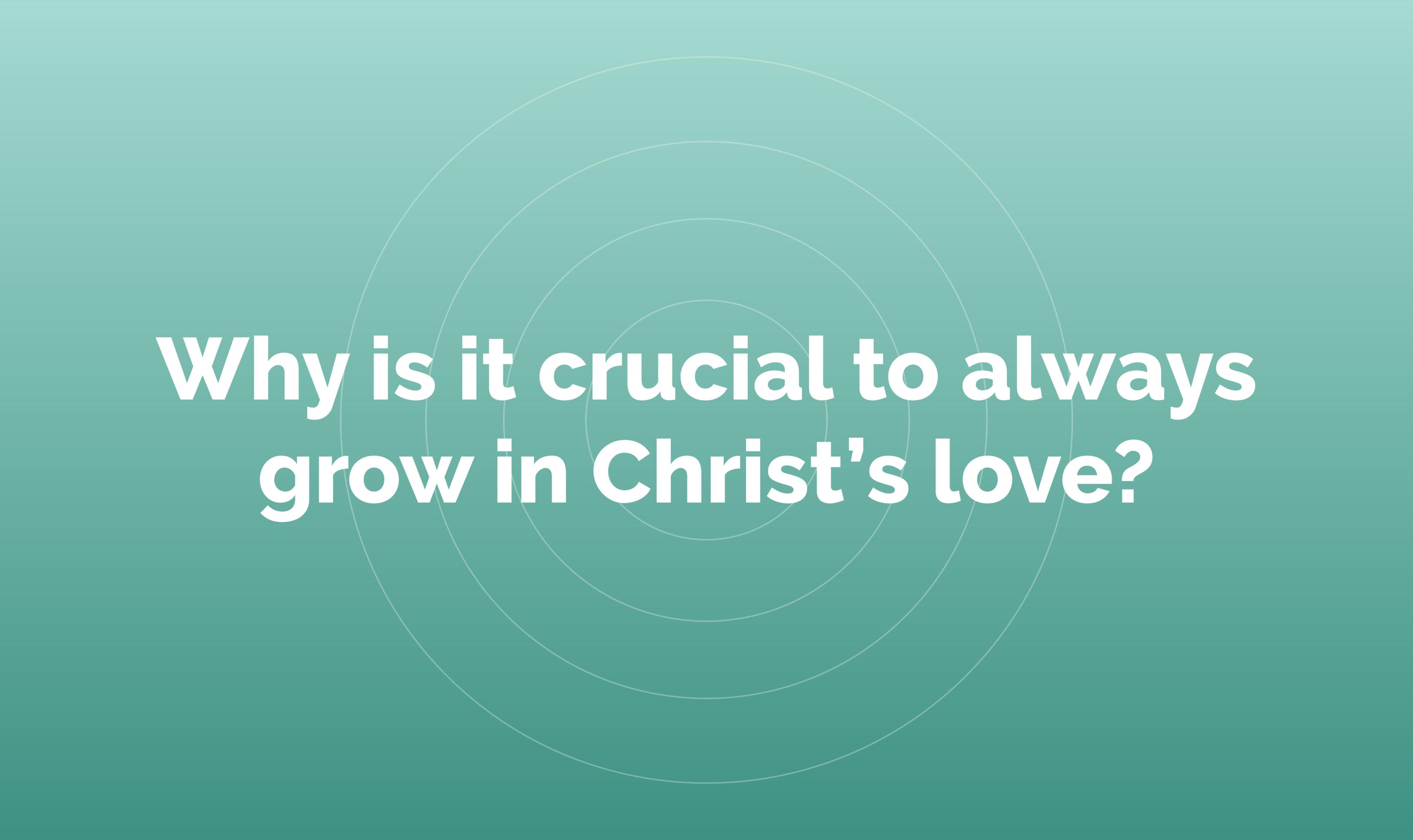




Always
growing...

**Because we can
never outgrow or
exhaust Christ's
love.**



The background is a solid teal color. In the center, there are four concentric white circles of varying radii, creating a target-like or ripple effect. The text is centered horizontally and vertically within the innermost circle.

**Why is it crucial to always
grow in Christ's love?**



Why is it crucial to always be growing in Christ's love?

**Because of
our
terrifying
tendency to
grow cold**



IMAGINE A CHURCH...

- ▶ With sound doctrine
- ▶ Accurate theology
- ▶ Shuns sinfulness
- ▶ Endures hardships
- ▶ Avoids false teaching
- ▶ Observes God's law
- ▶ Beautiful building
- ▶ **But has not love**





Why is it crucial to always be growing in Christ's love?

Because if we don't we won't have the capacity to love others





When our affections for you [Jesus] chill, then our concern and compassion for others diminishes as well. What a tragic domino effect. What a disgrace. —Scotty Smith





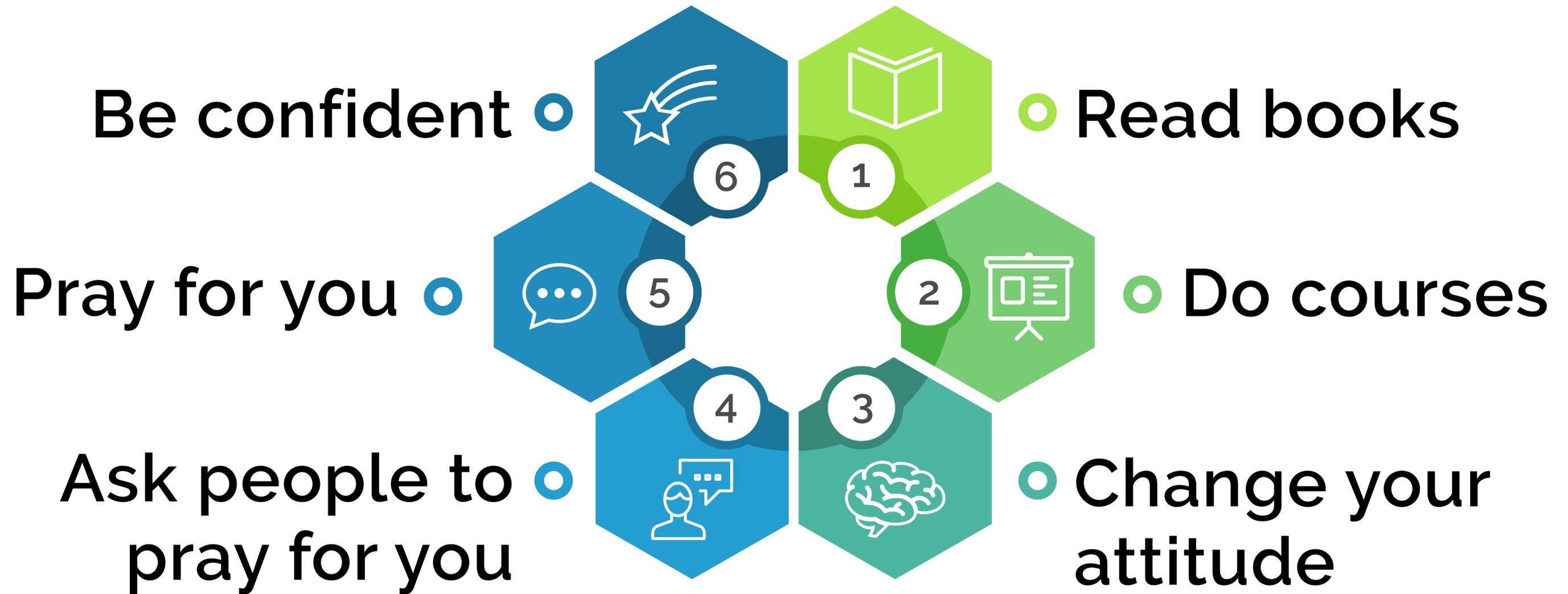
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**Because
Christ's love is
the highest and
noblest love**



How!?! How can we grow in Christ's love?

HOW TO GROW IN CHRIST'S LOVE



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