

First

CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER



Moving Past Childhood

Introduction: Paul wants to make clear that though we start our journey with Him as children, not growing in our faith is an unhealthy sign.

Natural - Spiritual

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1 Corinthians 2:16

16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**

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Ongoing Spiritual Transformation
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- **Thank God for the growth you have experienced and ask Him for more.**