



Growing Pains

The Soil is Prepared

Matthew 11:28; Lk. 8:15

- Honest hearts are seeking truth.
- Broken hearts are wanting to be healed.
- Shattered lives are desiring salvation.

cp. Matt. 9:37

The Harvest is plentiful and ready...
is the church ready to receive the harvest?

The Seed is Falling

- Whether in jails/prisons
- Neighbors
- Strangers

*“How beautiful are the feet of those
who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Romans 10:15

Growth will Come

It's just a matter of time...
God will give the increase.

1 Cor. 3:6



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Diversity That Will Come

- Demographics
- Cultures
- Spirituality
- Sins
- Beliefs

... and Growing-Pains as well

- Greater Diversity issues. **Eph. 2**
- More falling through the cracks. **Acts 6**
- More sins to deal with. **1 Cor. 5**
- More doctrinal errors/beliefs to confront. **2 Jn. 9**

All should be expected and dealt with the love and wisdom of Jesus

How a Church Deals with Growing Pains

- Godly, spiritually minded leadership.
Acts 6
- Look out for one another's best interest.
Phil. 2:3
- Love believes (not discounts) all things.
1 Cor. 13:7