

**CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!**  
**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL**

2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent – Waiting in Peace Actively

December 10, 2020

Text: Ephesians 4:14-16

Meditation:

In these two verses, Paul is talking about personal growth and church growth. For the church to grow, we must first have personal growth. This happens with Bible Study, prayer, and helping others. The best way to meet our own needs is to meet the needs of others. Growing requires listening and waiting on God for guidance. Waiting on God is not easy. I don't know anyone who likes to wait. Do you?

Waiting is hard at times and can test our faith. Scripture teaches us that God wants us to actively participate in the work he desires to accomplish. Waiting can produce good fruit in our lives like patience, perseverance and endurance. It also draws us closer to our Lord.

We can't just grow in some areas of our lives. We must allow God into our sensitive and private areas also to completely mature. We must grow up in all respects while we strive to live in peace.

Is there something keeping you from growing up in the Lord?

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What do I need to do to become more Christlike?

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Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Holy Spirit to live in us and for the gifts and talents we receive so we can love others and become more like you. Amen.

