Let's change, and as we focus on those who don't know Jesus yet, lets seek to open a few doors for them; where it benefits those who are seeking according to their needs and we'll pay the bill.

I quess one thing doesn't change: Jesus' desire to love. Jesus' desire for that love to flow abundantly through you. The only think that might change is the how.

One thing that doesn't change is Jesus love of you. In Jesus you are Father's loved child

in whom he delights. That's your identity: grow in it this year. Mature as you daily make the time to talk and listen to Jesus: invite him to daily send the Spirit to lead you. Grab that first thought and go for it. I think that's living by faith, and that's most definitely something Jesus is passionate about you growing in.

This year grow in the basics because you're using them every minute of everyday; talking and listening to Jesus. feasting on Jesus daily, daily getting

together supporting each other, daily giving Jesus time in your life, in your week, as you daily invite him to grow you in knowing him for who he is: that you know the Father for who he is, and amazingly in the process you'll grow in discovering yourself; the real authentic you who Jesus has birthed - a living, breathing image of Father.

I pray you ask Jesus where he wants you to arow, and you do for it like there's no tomorrow.

30 December 2018 **GROWING = CHANGE**

New Year

How many people here today are the same they were at the start of the year? None of us are. Some may have changed more than others, but all of us have changed. If nothing else you're a vear older, and hopefully wiser.

Did you notice that we heard both Samuel and Jesus, changed, they grew, they gained wisdom and maturity.

We heard read; "the boy Samuel grew taller and grew in favour with the Lord and with the people." (1 Sam. 2:26) We heard similar words for Jesus; "Jesus grew in you are now? wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people." (Luke 2:52)

I think if you're hoping for things to stay the same and for regarding worship. I nothing to change, you're out of luck. Last year there was change. Guess what will happen this coming year; change! were wrong in the

I think Jesus is keen for each of us to be growing to greater maturity in him, arowing in our relationship with him. I know there are Growing in hearing his voice in our lives. Growing in the way we express his love in our lives.

As you grow, does that mean what you were before was bad? Where you less Jesus, he gives me of a person at the start of the year, than I'm wrong; and then

At times I think people are scared of change because they you were wrong; it feel as though they were wrong. I've had

that very thought expressed to me was asked; because we were doing things differently, because we were changing; did that mean we past.

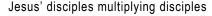
Who thinks because you change it means you were wrong?

some habits I have changed because they were wrong. So I'm always glad that in Jesus I can change. I'm not locked into my mistakes or bad habits. Thank God, in the security to admit change.

But change doesn't necessarily mean might mean you are growing.

Christ Church Lutheran Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am

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Will a two year old child change? If a child didn't change, then there would be concerns. We seek to for good or bad. quide a child as they change, so that they we hope for, so that they may mature and develop their talents. We seek change, when it comes to children.

How did you change last year? What changes do you seek for this coming year?

As a church community, I'm looking for change, heaps and heaps of change. I'm looking to understand the people in our lives and speak God's word in ways they understand, so that they can grow and mature in their relationship with Jesus.

Are you hoping for change or for this church community to stagnate? Sadly if I'm grow and mature, not growing, I'm

dving. I guess both are change; what change are you praving for. Change is inevitable; either

As a pastor I'm might become all that hoping everyone who is a part of this community of faith, grows and matures in wisdom. Seek to their relationship with Jesus. I pray you

> How did you change last vear?

grow in making time to talk with Jesus about life: and to talk to Jesus about himself, so you get to know him more and more intimately.

If you were to stagnate in a relationship, what might be the outcome?

I pray that nobody stagnates in their relationship with Jesus this comina year, but that you living out, daily, that

wonderful intimate, conversational relationship of love and affection that Jesus birthed you into.

Please don't stay the same: don't waste your life, seek to grow. Seek to grow in arow in love and compassion. Seek to be maturing and developing as the person Jesus has given his life for vou to be. Don' t waste Jesus' life; he's given his life that you might know Father more intimately. Jesus has given his life that you might love as you are loved by him.

I join with Paul in praying; "that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called – his holv people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also prav that you will understand the incredible greatness

is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead place of honour at heavenly realms." (Eph. 1:18,19)

I love the story of Samuel, where he changed from not recognising God's voice to knowing the Lord's voice. What a wonderful step of growth. I pray that Jesus sends the Spirit to each of us. so that we grow in so that we might follow him where ever he leads.

I pray you grow to be more and more like the young Jesus who you have the was passionate about his relationship with Father, through with Father. His answer to his parents everything. Father sounds like it was auit obvious where they'd find him. Where else would he be than in his Father's house.

of God's power for us Living out that who believe him. This relationship, growing in that relationship.

Of course we are and seated him in the now that house. In Jesus we get to live God's right had in the with Father, 24/7. We real lives. are his house. his place of prayer. What What an amazing

a change that was.

The old temple of stone knocked down

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and rebuild with flesh your head and do it. and blood, with a warm. responsive recognising his voice; heart to Father. What asked him! a change; Father's house now is a living breathing place of prayer.

That simply means opportunity to talk Jesus about loves spending time talking with his children: about life. about their joys and aspiration, listening to him and hear

Gentiles get in on the act. What change? This year don't just talk about change; do it. Talk with Jesus, grab the first thought that comes into Why wouldn't it be Jesus? You just

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heart to him, inviting

be part of their very

him in, so that he can

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change Jesus

created? Even

This year let's seek to change in wavs that make Jesus more personal, more accessible. more intimate in people's lives. I know that is a change that is on Jesus' agenda for this coming year. He's always keen to get to know more and more people, letting them know him personally.