



Gospel Growth

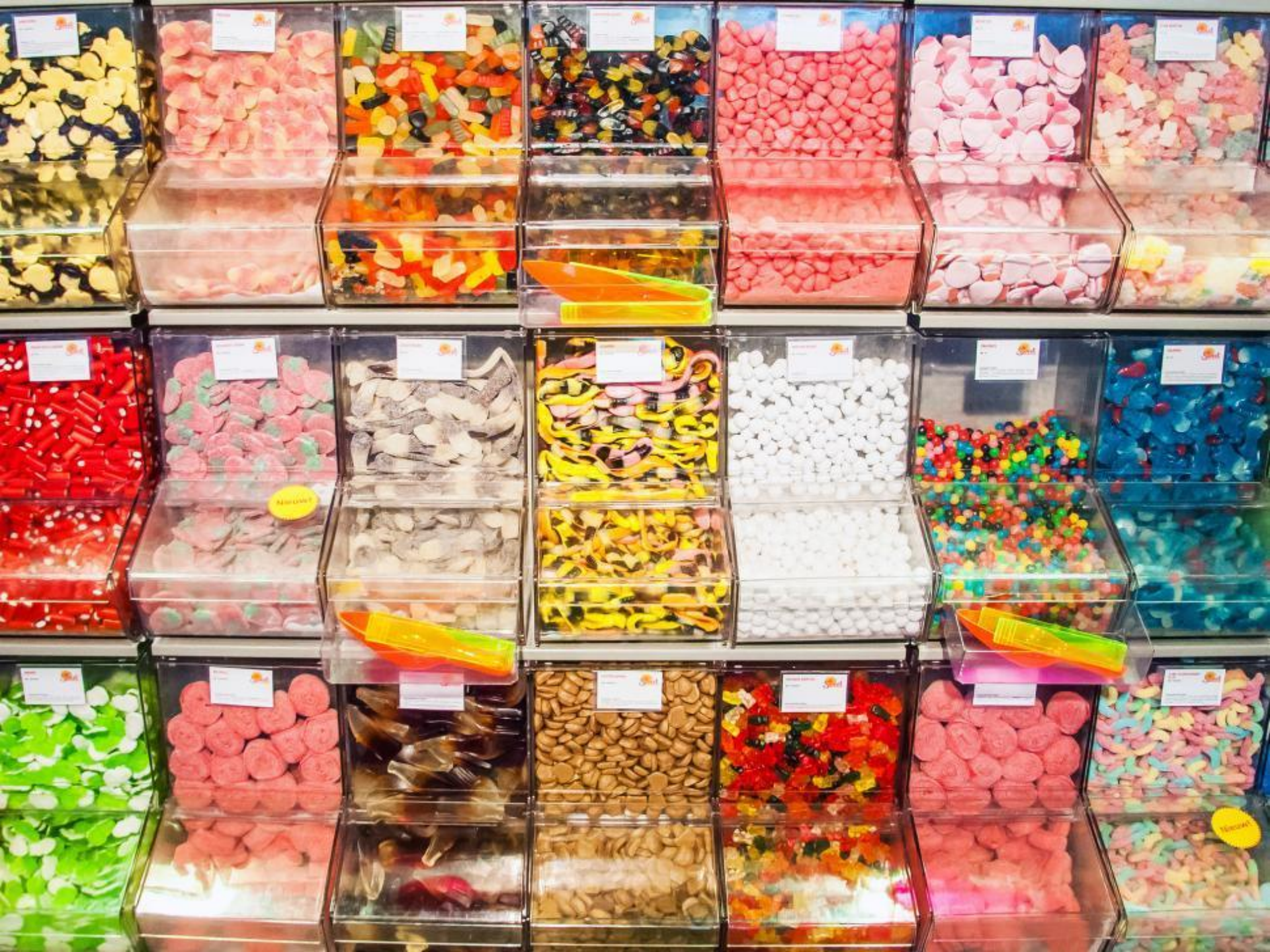
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Is there more to the Christian life than this?

Complete in Christ!

Colossians 2v9-10: For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.



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Col 2v6-8: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

1) Giving thanks for gospel growth

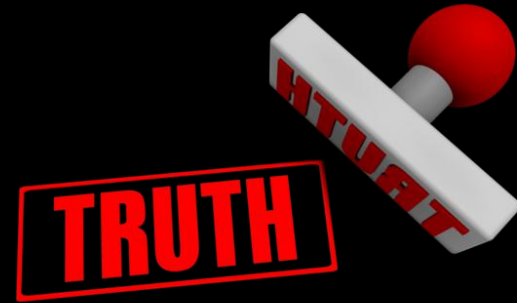
V3-6: We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you.

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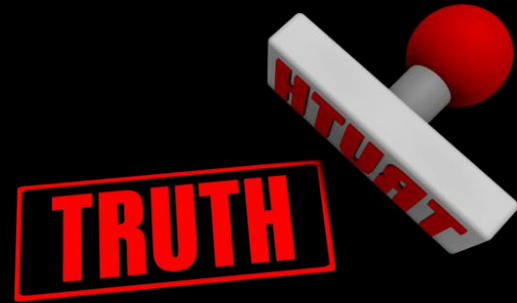
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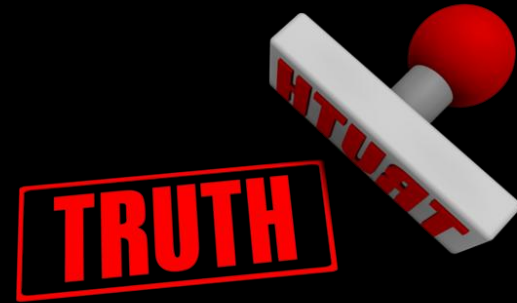
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“The idea that any mere human can have any conception of what God is thinking is surely laughable and arrogant in the extreme.”

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2v20-21: ...why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: ²¹ “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”?

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- **A message of grace**



G o d s

R i c h e s

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2) Praying for more gospel growth

V9: For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. **We continually ask God...**

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V9-10: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...

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- He has **rescued** you (v13-14)

