



## Today's Lesson

1. Worship in Song
2. Annotated Bibliography
3. The Return of the .Com Church
4. Word--AA 283-284
5. More Scheduled Visits

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## God Grows

God grows His church, God grows His children.  
God's Word is life, It flows by day and night.

Plant me by the streams of Living Water  
Take root below, bear fruit above,  
Love one another, reach out to others,

That's how God grows His church  
God grows His children.

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## An Annotated Bibliography

A selected list of books and  
authors who have had influence in  
the church growth movement.

Those with an \*asterisk will  
be placed on the reserve  
shelf in the library.

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## Reading Report Option

Instead of the reading listed on the web, you can choose to report on any book or author on the reserved shelf. Report the reading of 50 pages in the same way as before. Include full bibliographic reference.

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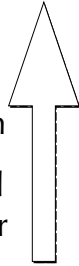
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## The Return of the .Com Church

Communion

Word  
Prayer



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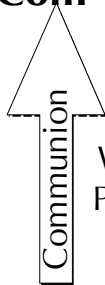
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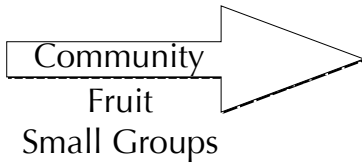
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## **The Return of the .Com Church**



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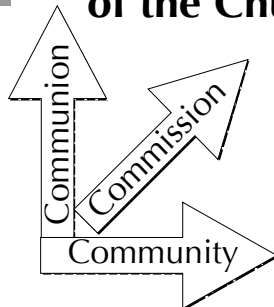
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## **The Emergence of the Church**



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## The Emergence of Seeds

Sun



Water



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## The Emergence of the Church



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## Assignment 3

What does Ellen White say about the importance of the Word of God to spiritual growth?

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

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## AA 283-284

### Observation

If the followers of Christ were but earnest seekers after wisdom, they would be led into rich fields of truth as yet wholly unknown to them. He who will give himself fully to God will be guided by the divine hand. He may be lowly and apparently ungifted; yet if with a loving, trusting heart he obeys every intimation of God's will, his powers will be purified, ennobled, energized, and his capabilities will be increased.

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## AA 283-284

### Observation

As he treasures the lessons of divine wisdom, a sacred commission will be entrusted to him; he will be enabled to make his life an honor to God and a blessing to the world. "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Psalm 119:130.

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## AA 283-284

### Observation

There are today many as ignorant of the Holy Spirit's work upon the heart as were those believers in Ephesus; yet no truth is more clearly taught in the word of God. Prophets and apostles have dwelt upon this theme. Christ Himself calls our attention to the growth of the vegetable world as an illustration of the agency of His Spirit in sustaining spiritual life.

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## **AA 283-284**

### **Observation**

The sap of the vine, ascending from the root, is diffused to the branches, sustaining growth and producing blossoms and fruit. So the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Saviour, pervades the soul, renews the motives and affections, and brings even the thoughts into obedience to the will of God, enabling the receiver to bear the precious fruit of holy deeds.

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## **AA 283-284**

### **Observation**

If the follower of Christ would grow up "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13), he must eat of the bread of life and drink of the water of salvation. He must watch and pray and work, in all things giving heed to the instructions of God in His word.

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## **AA 283-284**

### **Application**

Get in groups of two to three and discuss the following:

Discuss both the opportunities and challenges of putting the Word of God into the life of your local congregation.

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## **Next Lesson**

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1. Word--Ephesians 3:14-21

Observation

Interpretation

Application

2. Prepare Reading Report

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