

The Lord, the seed of life, has sown
 The Church — Building by the Growth in Life

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1. The Lord, the seed of life, has sown Himself in-to our heart To grow up in - to full - ness and be - come His count - erpart. The
 seed requires no rules or forms, for wa - ter is its need— By this the all - in - clu - sive seed will
 grow in us indeed! (C) The seed is simply Jesus! Oh, Je - sus lives in me! And by His growth this seed in us will reach matur - i - ty.

Chorus

2. The growth of Christ, the seed, in us
 Will soon produce the wheat,
 The life within break forth—yet work
 Divine is not complete;
 For wheat alone can never be
 The seed's expression true;
 So all the grains must blend together
 Into something new.

The seed is simply Jesus;
 Now wheat is Jesus too!
 The grains of wheat must blend
 Together into something new.

3. The individual grains of wheat
 No longer must be free,
 But crushed together, ground to powder,
 Every grain must be,
 Until the wheat becomes the meal
 From which the loaf is formed
 Till all the saints will blend and to
 His Body be conformed.

We all must take the grinding
 until the Christ within
 Can mold into His Body all the
 individual grains.

4. The seed is planted, wheat is grown
 And meal is the sum
 Of all the growth upon God's farm,
 Where Christians grow as one;
 But all the growth in life is for
 The building of the church,
 That God and man may have a home
 And both may end their search.

The farm is for the building,
 for God and man a home,
 Where both may dwell among
 His people gathered into one.

5. God's building is produced by silver,
 Precious stones, and gold—
 From meal through transformation,
 Pressure, heat, and pain untold.
 The meal must not be satisfied
 To stay as meal alone,
 But must submit to transformation
 Into precious stone.

The meal must pass through suffering
 that precious stones be formed;
 Then built into God's building, to His
 purpose full conformed.

6. From fullest growth and transformation
 Comes a pearl of worth;
 This simple, precious, all-inclusive
 Gem will then come forth.
 Conceived in death and formed in life
 By that all-glorious One,
 The church, His Bride, the fruit of all
 The work that He has done.

The pearl is what He's after,
 the Bride to please His heart,
 So single, pure and precious,
 and His very counterpart.

7. The growth in life begins when planted
 On God's farm we're found:
 The growing seed becomes the wheat
 From which the meal is ground.
 But building work proceeds when meal
 Submits to be transformed;
 Then gold and silver, precious stones
 For building will be formed.

The farm is for the building,
 built up by precious stones,
 From which the priceless pearl comes
 forth to be His Bride, His own.

8. Lord, keep us poor in spirit,
 Pure in heart that we may be
 Good ground in which the seed of life
 May grow abundantly,
 Until the final stage is reached
 And You are satisfied
 And have Your priceless, chosen pearl,
 Your joy complete, Your Bride.

Lord, keep us poor in spirit
 and purified in heart,
 That growing up in us You may
 bring forth Your counterpart.