## **Doctrine of a Mature Believer**

## **Five Characteristics of the Mature Believer**

- 1. Grace. Grace is the expression of God's knowledge and wisdom in given situation.
  - 2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."
- 2. Knowledge. Knowledge refers to the intake of biblical truth.
  - Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
- 3. Wisdom. Wisdom is the application of biblical knowledge.
  - Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
- 4. Faith. Faith is the constant and steady belief in God's faithfulness.
  - Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 5. Spiritual fruit. Spiritual fruit is produced in the life of the believer by the Holy Spirit.
  - Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.