Growing In Grace

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INTRODUCTION

- He urges them to grow in the grace of the Lord. Have you ever thought about what that means? In what way is it that we can grow in grace?
- It is the unmerited favor of God. In other words, we don't deserve the good things that he has done for us by His grace.

1 By Grace You Have Been Saved

Ephesians 2:1–9; Titus 3:3–7; Hebrews 4:15–16

- For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- Having been justified by his grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace. That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- When that day comes, do you hope to receive from Almighty God justice or mercy? I'll tell you, I hope we receive mercy.

2 Not Continuing in Sin That Grace May Abound

Romans 6:1–4

- Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? certainly not. How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?
- We were buried with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we should walk in newness of life.
- But there is no sense in which I can say, well, I'm growing in the grace of God because I need his grace more and more because I'm continuing in sin.

3 Grace Also Refers to What God Teaches

Titus 2:11–14; Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 2:1

- Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age.
- So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.
- The grace of God and growing in grace means that we are growing in obedience to God's grace.
- Paul tells Timothy to be strong in grace. You don't command something that's going to just automatically happen anyway.

4 Grace Can Refer to All the Blessings God Grants

Luke 2:40; Romans 12:6–8; 1 Peter 4:10–11

- And the child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.
- Whether we're talking about abilities, whether we're talking about material blessings, That is a demonstration of the grace of God poured out upon our life.
- Receiving blessings is a way in which we grow in God's grace.
- As each has received a gift, minister it to one another as stewards of the manifold grace of God.

5 Growing in All Aspects of God's Favor

Acts 13:43

- I think we can say that growing in grace is growing in all aspects of God's favor. We should live in such a way that we can accept his grace.
- We recognize that we're unworthy of his grace, but we love him enough we want to do everything he says.
- We should learn and obey the lessons that his grace teaches us. We should appreciate his gifts of grace.
- Growing in the grace of God means that we continue in his grace.
- Who speaking to them persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

6 We Must Not Receive the Grace of God in Vain

2 Corinthians 6:1–2

- We then as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.
- Behold, now is the accepted time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.
- Either we accept it and then don't abide in it, or we hear it and don't ever follow it. Are we receiving the grace of God in vain? Absolutely.
- But then I walk away from the water grave of baptism and I continue to live just as worldly as I ever did.

THE CHALLENGE

God in his patience towards you is continuing to extend to you the opportunity. He's continuing to be gracious to you. Every moment he allows you the opportunity for repentance. Don't receive that grace in vain. Won't you come?

MY NOTES