

V. GROW GRACE BY KNOWING AND GLORIFYING JESUS

“18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”

II Peter 3:18-19

“2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

II Peter 1:2-4

“20 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Philippians 1:20-21

Experience Growing Grace

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**GRACE It Really Is Amazing
Growing Grace
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INTRODUCTION

A. The grace of God is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. It is what makes Christianity unique from the other religions of the world. It flows out of the character and nature of God.

“But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.” I Peter 5:10

Grace is God supplying amazing favor in your life. It is undeserved. You can't earn it, but you can receive it. And it is necessary for both salvation and spiritual growth.

B. In this series you will understand why grace really is amazing and how to receive the many blessings of grace. These sermons will draw you closer to God as you “experience grace” this Easter season.

Feb 18	Saving Grace
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C. **TEXT:** II Peter 3:14-18

“We benefit eternally by God’s being just what He is. Because He is what He is, He lifts up our heads out of the prison house, changes our prison garments for royal robes, and makes us eat bread continuously before Him all the days of our lives.”

HOW TO EXPERIENCE GROWING GRACE

Growing grace means to continue developing in spiritual maturity.

I. GROW GRACE WITH HOLINESS

“Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;”
II Peter 3:14

*“15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*
I Peter 1:15-16

*”22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”*
Ephesians 4:22-24

II. GROW GRACE WITH SOULWINNING

“and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,”
II Peter 3:15

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”
Romans 2:4

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.”
Proverbs 11:30

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
II Peter 3:9

III. GROW GRACE WITH THE BIBLE

“as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.”
II Peter 3:16

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15

*“14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,
15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*
II Timothy 3:14-15

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
Colossians 3:16

IV. GROW GRACE WITH DISCERNMENT

“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;”
II Peter 3:17

“7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.”
II John 7-8

“You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”
Galatians 5:4