

How to Grow in Grace

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Scripture References:

- 2 Peter 3:15-18, *NLT*
- John 1:14, 17
- Ephesians 2:1-10, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:10
- Colossians 3:13
- Luke 6:36
- Matthew 20:28

Summary:

Maturing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus should be every Christian's goal. He is grace; we therefore need the Holy Spirit's help in transforming us because we can't do it alone. Our starting point is a personal relationship with Christ; knowing Him results in gradually increasing levels of maturity. A practical understanding of growing in grace hinges on realizing that it happens over time. We must know what it means to receive it ourselves, so that we can give it to others; we can also use the times others hurt us to grow in grace and forgiveness. We grow spiritually by living our daily lives, coming into contact with others, and depending on God to teach us how to respond. It's vital that we make an impact on the world; growing in grace so that we can be more like Jesus enables us to do that.

Notes:

1. Jesus is grace in human form. A relationship with Him will change us into His image.
2. Grace isn't based on our behavior; it's therefore useless to try to grow in grace by doing good things. It is based on God's goodness and His unconditional love for us. He offers it even when we don't deserve it. God doesn't give us grace because of our *past* good works, but to equip and enable us to do the works He planned for us long ago.
3. Our transformation begins when we spend time with Jesus and walk with Him daily.
4. On a practical level, we must understand what growing in grace means. It's not something that happens overnight; it takes time. It's a journey that starts with realizing what it means to receive grace yourself. If we really understand what we have received, it will be easier to give grace to others.
5. Living our everyday lives is where we grow in grace the most. It's not a one-time event; it takes effort, and the strength of God, to continue to grow. If we walk with Jesus each day, growing in grace will be something that will come out of our relationship with Him.

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