

# Living Word Fellowship Church

## *Noon Day Bible Study*

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### Growing In the Grace of God

2 Peter 3: 18

#### Introduction

Everyone loves to receive something that is free. They didn't earn or couldn't pay for it, even if they wanted to, but it was given for them to keep and to treasure. Reasonable people who receive a valuable gift will want to tell others about the gift and where they got it from, In this case, I believe the gift giver desires the recipient to do just that, tell others truthfully where or who the gift came from. The Bible refers to this gift as grace, something God gives us that we didn't deserve. Today we are going to look at the many things grace does or can do for us when we learn how to apply it in our lives, I believe our Christian lives are more fulfilling and peaceful with a growing understanding the grace God has given us.

But when we don't understand the value of grace, the enemy will try his best to make us question God in our minds and think that God will not complete the work He has begun in us. Chapters 2 and part 3 warn of some the ways false prophets, teachers and apostates attempt to do this. They want us to be satisfied with just being saved so that they can wreak havoc in our lives and ruin our testimony. Putting lies in your head like, it doesn't all of that to be a Christian.; go ahead and sin, God doesn't care, just think only about yourself, you deserve your rewards right now. Remember the devil is a liar and the father of lies. The good news is we can overcome all his lies and schemes because we have God's grace to lead us out of any sin.

## **2. Growing In Grace Rescues the Believer**

The Apostle Peter in his Second Epistle challenges us 3: 18 “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever.” New King James Version, NKJV, all other Scriptures NKJV. If we follow the command to grow, meaning to increase or enlarge our understanding of grace and knowledge, the result will be empowerment. This empowerment will enable us to discern the lie and embrace the truth of God’s word. For example, Romans 5:20” ...But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more.” God’s grace gives us the power to overcome the sin. The author of the Book of Hebrews tells us in chapter 4: 15 “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses , but was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin,” Vs 16 “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace to find help in the time of need.” These Scriptures clearly state that we have an advocate looking out for brethren, which we desperately need because any of us can sin at the best or worst of times. But since we are saved by grace, He will come to our rescue. I’m so glad He does so that we don’t have to pretend to be perfect and will give the Lord Jesus all the praise for He deserves it. The trick of the enemy is to make you think you have failed God and are all alone with no help. But the God of all grace is right there with you. Psalm 139: 8”If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold You are there.” God’s presence is always with us, how comforting that is to know.

## **3. How Do We Avoid Sinning**

But to help us avoid sinning Peter reminds us that we must put the work in. Look at 2 Peter 1:5 “But also for this very reason , giving all diligence (haste, earnestness) add to your faith, virtue (moral goodness) and to virtue knowledge (observation and study)” Vs 6” to knowledge self-control (knowledge continuously applied), to self-control perseverance (patience, endurance), to perseverance godliness (begin to live in the image of Christ) Vs 7 to godliness brotherly kindness (love of the brethren) and to brotherly kindness love (affection). When you put the work in as the previous verses told us to do, just remember this is something we must do daily. Vs 8 “For if these things are yours abound (increase), you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” As yours and my knowledge of Him grows, our character begins to change. We are no longer tossed upside down and sideways by the enemies of God. We become stable minded and refuse to let the situations make us lose our cool and frustrate us. We become strong in the Lord and the power of His might. It becomes clear that sin does not have dominion over us Ps 119: 9 “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.” Vs 11” Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.” These have a new meaning to you when you practice the word of God on a daily basis.

#### **4. Standing In His Grace**

2 Peter 1:10” Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble.” When you examine yourself and have the blessed assurance that Jesus is truly the Lord and Savior of your life, you bold. To be sure is to be firm, steadfast, stable. You know who your Redeemer is. Romans 5:1” Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” Vs 2” through whom we have access by faith into this grace which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” This grace can be built upon because your knowledge of the Lord is not stagnant, God’s word is living in you, and it gives you a peace that surpasses all understanding. 2 Peter 1:11” for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” God will award those who actively seek to serve Him and know that resting on their past laurels won’t do them any good. They know the enemy is still waiting for them to become prideful and haughty. But we are not those who fall into perdition.

#### **5. Conclusion**

Growing in grace keeps one active in heart and mind. As Isaiah said in chapter 26: 3” You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because they trust in You. “Vs 4” Trust in the Lord forever, for in YAH, the Lord is everlasting strength. This connects with 2 Peter because keeping your mind on the Lord means you will be listening and observing what the Lord is saying and doing. You obey Him because He is worthy of our trust. The Lord will give us the strength to continue with Him in the face of the enemy’s attacks. That is why growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is so important. Let’s close with 2 Corinthians 13: 14” The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen,”