

GROWING IN GRACE

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“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

1. SALVATION

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

2. SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

3. WE HAVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...” (Romans 12:4-6)

4. GRACE WORKS TO BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for the building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”
(Ephesians 4:29)

5. GRACE ENABLES US TO SAY NO TO SIN

“Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 5:20-21)

6. GRACE ENABLES US TO RESTORE MEMBERS

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1)

7. GRACE WORKS RECONCILIATION

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”
(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

8. GRACE HELPS US DEAL WITH TEMPTATION

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

9. GRACE HELPS US THROUGH TRIALS

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”
(James 1:2-3)

10. GRACE HELPS US WITH SORROW

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”
(1 Thessalonians 4:13)

11. GRACE IS SUFFICIENT IN OUR SUFFERING

"So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."
(2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

12. GRACE DESTROYS OUR STRONGHOLDS

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ..."
(2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

HOW DO WE RECEIVE GRACE?

- ▶ HUMILITY
- ▶ DEPENDENT PRAYER
- ▶ DIVINE PROVIDENCE
- ▶ OBEDIENT TRUST