

Grace & Mercy Series

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Growing in Grace

2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

God's grace justifies us, sanctifies us, and will eventually glorify us.

Each phase helps us KNOW God in a personal way.

Justifying Grace (to be made just – salvation)

- **Forgives Us – Ephesians 1:7** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace*
- **Saves Us – Ephesians 2:8-9**
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Sanctifying Grace (to be made holy – process of this life)

- **Trains Us – Titus 2:11-12**
11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
Cf. **Colossians 3:16**
- **Provides For Us – 2 Corinthians 9:8** *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.*
Cf. **Philippians 4:19**
- **Gives Us Gifts – 1 Peter 4:10** *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:*
Cf. **1 Corinthians 12:11**

Glorifying Grace (to be made new – future life in glory)

- **Fully Transforms Us – Romans 8:11, 18, 30-32**
11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
Cf. **1 Corinthians 15:51-53**

How do we grow? Spirit and Truth.

John 16:7-14

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.