

GRACE

“Grace That Grows Us” – Part 5 of 9

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“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

Growth is not... HOW _____

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“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” **Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)**

I. PUT OFF THE _____

“Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.” **Matthew 9:17 (NIV)**

“Your hearts should be strengthened by God’s grace, not by obeying rules...”

Hebrews 13:9 (NCV)

“Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? No! For He is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us...” **Romans 8:34 (TLB)**

- **Trying to grow by doing _____**
- **Trying to grow by keeping _____**
- **Trying to grow by feeling _____**

II. PUT ON THE _____

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

“Your old sinful self has died, and your new life is kept with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:3 (NCV)

- **We don’t have to _____ our new life**
- **We don’t have to _____ our new life**
- **We do have to _____ our new life**

III. BE RENEWED IN YOUR _____

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

"You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? This is foolish." **Galatians 3:3 (NCV)**

TWO QUESTIONS

- **Why does it take so long? BECAUSE GROWTH IS A PROCESS THAT POINTS TOWARDS _____**
- **Where do I get started? _____**

"...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." **Philippians 1:6 (NIV)**

"For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey Him, and then helping you do what He wants." **Philippians 2:13 (TLB)**

"Everything -- and I do mean everything -- connected with that old way of life has to go... Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life -- a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you." **Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG)**