Habits of Grace: How We Grow

<u>Habits</u>: Spiritual disciplines practiced with our bodies, mostly in normal life, rooted in the local church.

Grace: Growth in godliness is a gift of God through the kind ministry of the Holy Spirit.

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For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 1 Peter 3:18

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We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4



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And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <u>not neglecting to meet together</u>, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Heb 10:24-25

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Rom 8:11, 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.

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- 7. Habits of grace express and enable enjoyment of God

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