

Habits of Grace: How We Grow

Habits: 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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Intimacy with and enjoyment of God which bears fruit and glorifies him = working out the gospel.

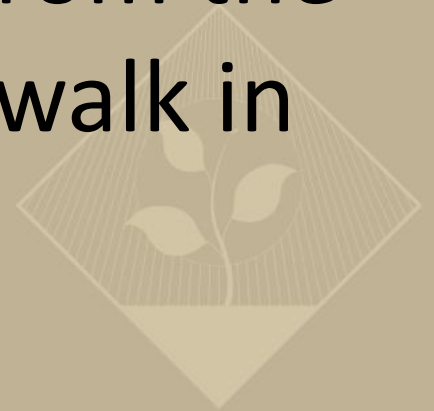
For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,
1 Peter 3:18



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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



How We Grow

1. Word
2. Prayer
3. Worship
4. Giving
5. Serving
6. Proclamation
7. Fellowship
8. Suffering
9. Missions



Habits of Grace

5. Habits of grace are Spirit empowered

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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1. Word

And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1 Cor 2:13



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2. Prayer

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:26



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3. Worship

For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Phil 3:3



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7. Fellowship

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Phil 2:1-2

