

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.



Habits of Grace

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



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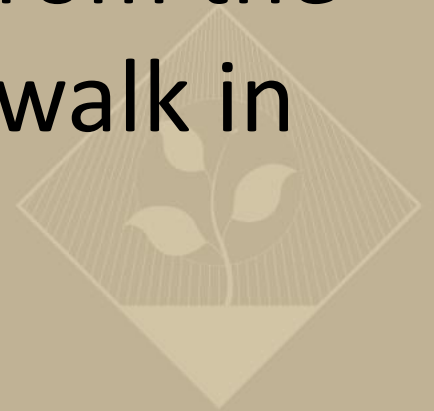
For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,
1 Peter 3:18



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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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Habits of grace should all be rooted in the local church

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, 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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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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Serving

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Cor 12:4-7



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Proclamation & Missions

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



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Giving

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need . . . There was not a needy person among them.

Acts 2:44-45; 4:34a



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Suffering

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

