

ARE YOU TRULY GROWING IN GRACE? Pt. 6

A. The PRECEDENCE of Grace.

B. The PATTERN of Grace.

C. The PROVISION of Grace.

1. The *source* of grace is **GOD**. (1 Peter 5:10)
2. The *recipient* of grace is **UNDESERVING MANKIND** (Titus 2:11), not **ANGELS**. (1 Peter 1:10-12)
3. The *personification* of grace is **JESUS CHRIST**. (John 1:14, 17)
4. The *ground* for grace is the **PROPITIATORY** sacrifice of Christ. (Romans 3:25)
5. The *appropriation* of grace is through **FAITH** alone in Christ **ALONE**. (Rom. 3:28)
6. The believer in Christ...
 - a. has constant **ACCESS** to God's grace. (Romans 5:2)
 - b. is to **GROW** in grace. (2 Peter 3:18)
 - c. is to **CONTINUE** in grace. (Acts 13:43)
 - d. is to **SERVE** by grace. (1 Corinthians 15:10)
 - e. is to become **ESTABLISHED** with grace. (Hebrews 13:9)
 - f. is to not **ABUSE** the grace of God as a license to sin. (Romans 6:1)
 - g. is to be reminded that in every trial that God's grace is **SUFFICIENT**. (2 Cor. 12:9)
 - h. is to be warned that "God resists the **PROUD**, but gives grace to the **HUMBLE**. (Js. 4:6)
 - i. is to abound in **GIVING** by grace. (2 Corinthians 8:7-9)
 - j. is to not **FALL** from the truths of grace. (Galatians 5:4)
 - k. is to minister grace by your **SPEECH**. (Ephesians 4:29)
 - l. is to **SING** with grace in his/her heart to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)
 - m. is to be **DISCIPLINED** by God's grace. (Titus 2:11-13)
 - n. can **FAIL** the grace of God. (Hebrews 12:15)
 - o. is to **MINISTER** to others with their **SPIRITUAL GIFTS** by God's grace. (1 Pt. 4:10-11)

- p. must beware of FALSE TEACHING “who turn the grace of our God into lasciviousness.”
(Jude 3-4)**

SEPARATION

C. In seeking to strike a biblical balance regarding ministry and ecclesiastical separation, it is our understanding that believers need to...

- 1) _____ and _____ false teachers who would seek to infiltrate or influence our local assembly (Romans 16:17-18; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Timothy 6:20-21).
- 2) refuse to approve of, minister _____, or financially _____ churches or ministries that reject or distort the truths of the Word of God (2 John 7-11).
- 3) seek to minister _____ (by way of sound teaching and materials) the doctrinally confused or those in error who are open to grace teaching and where there is reason to believe that an individual or congregation may be helped by such a ministry to become more biblical in belief and practice, as long as we are not _____ in our message or asked to _____ our doctrinal position (Titus 3:10; 2 Timothy 2:22-26; Acts 19:8-10).
- 4) resist a prolonged personal ministry to individuals or groups if there is evidence that they intend to retain their _____ spiritual state or their relations with _____ organizations (2 Timothy 2:15-21).
- 5) seek to support, encourage and fellowship with other individuals, churches or ministries of like-precious faith around the _____, yet without entering into any official _____ unity (3 John 5-8).

- q. needs to respond to the riches of God’s grace by a willingness to _____ to the Lord and be internally _____ in order to do God’s will. (Romans 12:1-2)**

- r. is to _____ others by grace. (Ephesians 4:32)**